

Cabinet OK will be sought on Star Wars

HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin will soon present the cabinet with a proposal to formalize Israel's participation in President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

U.S. officials recently told an Israeli delegation that formal government acceptance of a role in SDI — also known as "Star Wars" — was needed before contracts could be awarded to Israeli industry.

Israel has been tardy in replying to the American offer. This was due to initial government hesitation about signing a formal accord on the controversial programme. It was hoped that contacts could be developed on an industry-to-industry basis with the Defence Ministry's role being limited to coordinating these contacts.

Rabin's response to the American offer, which could bring in millions of dollars in research and development funding for local industries, was held up by political opposition, including objections from some Cabinet ministers.

Opposition will probably come

from left-wing Knesset members when Rabin presents Israel's position to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee next month.

Rabin has reportedly decided to go ahead despite the political consequences. Defence officials argue that Israel has too much to lose in terms of the contribution SDI technology will make to its defence programmes.

Rabin's decision was also said to be based on the assumption that participation in the programme would constitute another link in the strategic relationship with the U.S., and perhaps serve to salve the wounds caused by the recent Pollard spy scandal.

The government's slow response to SDI has been criticized by academics and industrialists as well as some within the defence establishment who charge that Israel has already lost important contracts on initial research. These were awarded to West German and British companies, whose governments formally approved participation several months ago.

Court order ends 4-day TV strike

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Television broadcasts resumed last night, ending a four-night blackout, after the Jerusalem District Labour Court earlier in the day ordered striking technicians to return to work.

The technicians began striking on Friday to protest against the suspension of their work by committee chairman Eliezer Koka for blocking out six minutes of the Mabat news programme last Wednesday. Koka disrupted the programme to prevent the screening of film shot by a foreign camera crew.

A compromise was reached yesterday evening according to which the technicians agreed to screen satellite clips in return for the start of negotiations this morning on the use of ENG (electronic news gathering) video equipment which has been in storage for the past seven years.

Minutes after Daniel Pe'er started reading the news, the programme was disrupted.

When Pe'er reappeared on screen, he attributed the brief blackout to a power failure, an explanation that was confirmed by Israel Broadcasting Authority spokeswoman Yarden Harel. After the power went off, ITV switched to its emergency generator.

The labour court yesterday ordered that Koka be reinstated as of today, but also instructed the Histadrut to suspend Koka's membership from the works' committee. The court said the Histadrut must discipline Koka for exceeding his authority.

Koka, charged with breach of discipline by IBA director-general Uri Porat, was suspended by the IBA management committee, though union leaders are generally exempt from such stern measures.

Driving test bribery suspected in capital

Seven driving instructors and three testers from the Jerusalem Licence Registration Bureau were arrested late last night on suspicion of giving and receiving bribes and falsifying documents.

The examiners are suspected of taking bribes from the instructors to pass people taking driving tests.

West Bankers to be charged 'soon' in land-sales fraud

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Evidence gathered by the police serious crimes unit on West Bank and frauds is "more than enough" to justify bringing charges against some 30 Arabs arrested in recent weeks, it has been learned.

Charges against the 30, including high-level judicial and police officials as well as two mukhtars, will be presented "in a few days."

The recent arrests in Nablus, Kalkilya and surrounding areas have opened up a new phase in the investigation. Confessions secured by the investigators are likely to implicate many more prominent figures in the land-sales fraud.

A police source said: "By going after the little fish, we'll be able to get to the bigger fish. Then we'll eventually be led to the big prize."

On Monday, police rounded up some 17 people from eight villages near Kalkilya, Tulkarm and Nablus on suspicion of falsifying documents and offering and accepting bribes.

Among the suspects are the assistant police commander of Kalkilya, Sami Ben Suleiman Hamud, who was arrested yesterday at Petah

Tikva Magistrate's Court for 15 days.

Hamud, like many others arrested recently, is suspected of offering bribes to encourage West Bank residents to sell their land. The land register was "doctored" so the plot appeared to include more dunams than stated in the deed, and it was then sold to other West Bank land dealers.

Along with Hamud, several other local officials were taken into custody, among them two police officers from Tulkarm, two mukhtars, a notary public from Kalkilya and an Arab land dealer.

The most recent raid is "directly related" to some 18 West Bank Arabs arrested four weeks ago on similar charges, *The Jerusalem Post* was told.

Police are now checking to see if officials accused of accepting bribes passed the money onto Jewish settlement officials.

The police investigative unit for serious crimes is trying to verify suspicions that contractors and land dealers bribed local settlement officials and Jewish officials turned a "blind eye" to fraudulent transactions.



A woman tries to incite a group of Arabs on the Temple Mount yesterday.

(Elihu Harati)

'We suspect they weren't innocent visitors'

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"We have the picture of the Haram al-Ibrahimi [known to Jews as the Cave of Machpelah, in Hebron] before us always and we do not believe that these people were innocent visitors," Feisal Hussein, a member of the Moslem advisory council to the Wakf told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

For centuries Jews were barred from the Cave and the Tombs of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs, and only won the right to pray there after the Six-Day War.

Hussein explained that the Moslem officials feared that, by praying in the Temple Mount area, as MKs did yesterday, Jews might have been establishing a precedent whereby part or all of the enclosure would be turned into a synagogue, just as a part of the Tombs of the Patriarchs, a site holy to both Moslems and Jews, has been set aside as a synagogue.

"Usually," Hussein said, "if you want to visit the Haram es-Sherif [Temple Mount enclosure] you must have permission. For the second



Tehiya Knesset Member Eliezer Waldman argues about his rights.

(Rahamim Yisraeli)

time we gave permission, only for the Knesset members and only for a visit."

But, he added, "when they came in the gate, one of them started to pray. The guards asked them to stop praying and they refused." It was then, he said, that the Moslem authorities decided to stop the visit and asked the MKs to leave.

At the same time, he said, the police intervened and the MKs, who refused to leave, began their tour. "The police didn't even let us talk to

Temple Mount visit by MKs sparks riots

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
for The Jerusalem Post

Over 600 police and Border Police, armed with hand-grenades, tear gas and truncheons, yesterday quelled three riots on the Temple Mount during and immediately following a visit to the holy site by members of the Knesset Interior Committee and other MKs. Tension, sparked by public prayers led by Tehiya MK Eliezer Waldman, grew more acute during a Moslem-Jewish confrontation at Solomon's Stables, and reached fever pitch after the MKs had left the mount.

Kraus who was monitoring the situation from the plaza below.

Comfort then warned Shilansky that, while the police were prepared to secure access to the stables, he should reconsider, because "forcing entry may result in bloodshed."

Shilansky maintained that the pre-arranged itinerary included the stables and said that one purpose of the visit was to check whether the site was being used as a weapons cache.

The MKs huddled in a police post at the entrance to the mount to vote on whether to proceed — eight were against, and three for, with one abstention. Throughout, some 60 police in full riot gear stood at alert outside Mugrabi Gate.

At the same time, hundreds of local worshippers on the mount chanted "libah al-Yahud" — slaughter the Jews.

Police later said that the MKs' decision to withdraw had prevented a riot of "disastrous proportions."

Nearly an hour after the committee members withdrew, hundreds of Moslem worshippers stoned the police post at Mugrabi Gate. Protecting themselves with their shields, police again used truncheons and tear gas to disperse the angry crowd.

In a separate incident, 22-year-old Ayelet Bahar, a Petah Tikva woman arrested last week after unfurling an Israeli flag and singing Hatikva on the Temple Mount, again tried to demonstrate what she called "Israeli sovereignty." She was arrested yesterday after attempting to break through police barricades near the Chain Gate.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev yesterday barred reporters and photographers from accompanying the MKs. But several MKs talked to reporters after the visit.

Police used tear gas and truncheons in all three incidents, arresting 19 people. Twelve people, some of them women and children, were taken to al-Makasa Hospital for treatment after inhaling tear gas; they were later sent home.

Trouble started immediately the group entered the mount when, at the request of committee chairman Dov Shilansky (Likud), Waldman took out a book of Psalms, read from it and then began to say Kaddish.

A group of 150 Arabs, mostly local residents and striking Birzeit University students, promptly tried to break through the tight police cordon around the MKs. Tear gas was used to disperse them.

Wakf (Moslem Trust) authorities then protested against what was termed "an organized, public prayer session in the courtyard of our holy mosque."

At the same time, four Citizens Rights Movement MKs, led by Shulamit Aloni and Yossi Sarid, left the tour in protest against what they described as Waldman's "provocative and senseless move."

Yesterday's visit followed last week's fracas at the same spot when an angry crowd of Moslems attacked a similar Interior Committee group that was accompanied by a number of persons, including Gershon Solomon of the Faithful of the Temple Mount, and some photographers. On Monday, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek paid a separate and peaceful visit to the mount, which is holy to both Jews and Moslems.

Trouble escalated again yesterday at Solomon's Stables, an underground chamber at the south-east corner of the mount, to which the Wakf authorities denied the MKs access.

In response to Shilansky's insistence that police secure the key to the chamber, Southern District Police Commander Rahamim Comfort contacted Inspector-General David

MK Yuval Ne'eman reiterated his suspicions that Solomon's Stables "were being used by Moslem authorities for their private arsenal. There's a lot more than construction going on at the site," said Ne'eman. "They're busy erasing Jewish symbols and any historical Jewish connection to the place."

Shilansky praised police efforts during yesterday's "many tense and frightening confrontations." He urged that a solution be found whereby Israel, as the Jewish state, would have, "if not control, then an equal partnership" in the daily operation of the mount.

The report of a police investigation into last week's fracas was given to Kraus and Bar-Lev yesterday. The Wakf authorities' "lack of cooperation" in police efforts to contain angry crowds is noted in the report, which also points to provocation by unnamed MKs.

Lavi won't lose \$250m. special grant

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has clarified that \$250 million in special grants set aside by the Americans from their military aid package for use in Israel, will be reserved for the development of the Lavi fighter. Rabin was attempting to dampen speculation that the Lavi was about to be shelved.

An amendment was recently made to the aid bill that technically allows Israel to use the special fund for other military needs. But Rabin was adamant that the money would be used only for the Lavi.

"That was the intention of the bill and that is what we intend to do with the money," he told military correspondents in Tel Aviv.

The minister added that internal debate in Israel over how the money should be used had caused confusion among "our friends" and could damage Israel's interests.

The Jerusalem Post reported last week that the amendment that

allows diversion of the money from the Lavi to other military projects was the result of an unauthorized effort by the economic minister at the embassy in Washington, Dan Halperin, who acted without the defence minister's knowledge or approval.

Deputy Chief of General Staff Ahuf Dan Shomron yesterday attacked the Lavi jet fighter project, saying that continuing with it would mean the closure of the Merkava tank project.

Shomron told university students in Beersheba that the project was too big for the country and that there were alternatives, such as seeking a licence to build the F-16 here.

This would have been better for Israel, but Israel Aircraft Industries had lobbied for the Lavi. Shomron said. Had the Air Force been asked to establish its own order of priorities, the Lavi would not have been included in such a list, Shomron added.

Rabin's decision to stress that the \$250m. is earmarked for the Lavi followed reports from Washington that the formulators of the "Lavi bill" and senior members of the Senate Appropriations Committee were upset by the confusion and debate in Israel over the "Halperin amendment."

The senior staff member to the committee, James Bond, said in Israel recently that, while senators had agreed to amend the bill so as to allow Israel greater freedom in allocating the money, it was not their intention to see the Lavi project, in which over \$1.2 billion in mainly American money has already been invested, scrapped.

Since Bond's return to Washington, Halperin has dispatched a clarification to the Pentagon and the State Department, as well as letters to the finance minister and the defence minister, stating that despite the change in the bill, the \$250m. special grant would go to the Lavi.

'No test of sovereignty needed'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Israeli sovereignty over all of Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount, needs no further proof or test. Premier Peres told the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem yesterday.

Peres was speaking in the wake of the violent incidents on the mount. He condemned the incitement of the crowd by individuals whose only purpose was to foment the atmosphere and undermine co-existence.

Peres's sentiments were echoed by Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel at a special meeting of the Interior Committee following the turbulent visit.

But Hillel also expressed disappointment with the response of the Wakf authorities. He said his conversation with them on Monday had led him to expect more from them.

Hillel rebuked MK Eliezer Waldman for abusing his parliamentary immunity. "You live in Israel and must comply with Israeli law," Hillel told Waldman, pointing out that an ordinary (Jewish) citizen who prayed on the mount would be arrested.

"I do not recognize such laws," Waldman retorted.

Geula Cohen (Tehiya) said that the committee's two visits had "put the Temple Mount on the national agenda because they have laid bare a festering wound... The Temple Mount is a Palestinian state in the heart of Israel."

Jacques Amir (Alignment), blamed Tehiya MKs Gershon Shafir and Waldman for engineering yesterday's prayers, without which, he said, there would have been no trouble.

Meeting last night with the Likud faction executive to hear their allegations about his "political handling of the Temple Mount issue," Hillel said: "I admit I take a political point of view, but I do not take a party point of view."

Tehiya leader Yuval Ne'eman said yesterday that the government should appoint a state commission of inquiry to study the status of the Temple Mount and make recommendations about the respective rights of Jews and Moslems there.

Closer watch on 'shlihim' proposed

By MOSHE KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A precious plan — travel abroad for oneself and one's political favourites — will be taken from the Zionist party representatives in the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization if those bodies implement the recommendations of a public commission that has just completed a year's study of the Zionist movement's emissary (shlihim) system.

The six-member commission, headed by retired Justice Moshe Landau, presented its findings to the press yesterday, one day after presenting them to Agency-WZO Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin and the other members of the executive. That body is to discuss the findings at its weekly meeting next Monday.

The Landau commission's central recommendation calls for an end to the present system of separate departmental emissary fiefdoms — what Landau referred to as "hipparchies" (government by cavalry commanders) — each run by the respective departmental head and director-general, both of whom are in office by virtue of the latest political coalition agreement.

The present apparatus would be replaced by a "supreme authority for emissary affairs," which would be governed by a "supreme administrative committee" headed by the WZO Executive chairman or someone appointed by him. This body would also include the WZO treasurer, two representatives of youth movements, the heads of the "administrative subcommittees," and two public representatives.

Furthermore, emissaries would no longer represent only the department directly related to their primary assignment and would no longer be "single-purpose" officials. In places where there are more than one emissary, for example, they would function as a team in a

coordinated effort "of Zionist education whose ultimate objective," Landau said, "is to foster the concentration of most of the Jewish people in the land of Israel."

Landau told the news conference that the members of the commission were convinced that implementation of its recommendations would bring about a saving of "at least one-third" of the present emissary budget — by getting the same work done with at least one-third fewer emissaries.

In the 1984-85 fiscal year, long-term emissaries cost the WZO-Agency nearly \$15.7 million, the commission's report says.

Under the commission's plan, there would be four administrative subcommittees, each responsible for a region of the world — Europe, Latin America, North America or Oceania-South Africa.

These bodies would annually reexamine the "emissary map" and revise the deployment of emissaries. They — or another special body — would also rule on prospective trips by members of the WZO-Agency Executive, relieving the executive chairman of this role.

Michael Gilad, director of the Agency-WZO Central Authority for Emissaries, told the news conference that of 3,000 long-term emissaries sent abroad in the last 10 years, only 12 had not returned to Israel, only two of them in the last five years.

All the commission members expressed optimism about the prospects that the report would be adopted by the WZO-Agency executive, at least in its essence. Landau added: "We have no illusions that this will be easy for them. We're recommending a minor revolution. But the politicians must understand that they will disgrace themselves if they don't act on it, and they will enhance their own status and that of the movement if they do."

Fierce clashes after coup attempt in South Yemen

LONDON. — Heavy fighting rocked the South Yemen capital Aden yesterday, with the fiercest clashes apparently occurring around the airport and the harbour, the British Foreign Office said.

The fighting, which began Monday after a coup attempt apparently aimed at restoring doctrinaire Marxist rule, continued throughout the night and yesterday.

Western diplomatic sources in London said unidentified planes occasionally bombed the airport. One unconfirmed report in Aden said that aircraft had attacked the presidential palace and ships in the harbour, they added.

The sources said it was difficult to

tell whether President Ali Nasser Mohammed or his opponents had the upper hand, and added that four alleged ringleaders of the coup, reported executed by state radio on Monday, might not be dead after all.

The radio had stopped referring to the executions before going off the air altogether, they said.

They also reported speculation in Aden that Defence Minister Col. Saleh Moshleh Qassem might be on the side of the anti-government forces.

Persian-gulf-based shipping executives said that the president was hospitalized for serious injuries. Mohammed was critically injured in an assassination attempt Monday.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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| GENOVA | 7 | 2 | 10 | Clear |
| HOLSTEN | 7 | 19 | 37 | Clear |
| HONG KONG | 14 | 27 | 19 | Clear |
| KOBE | 18 | 44 | 18 | Clear |
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THE WEATHER

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| Haifa Port | 69 | 13-18 | 16 |
| Tiberias | 63 | 8-19 | 16 |
| Nazareth | 76 | 9-14 | 12 |
| Afula | 97 | 4-17 | 15 |
| Shomron | 55 | 6-13 | 12 |
| Tel Aviv | 47 | 9-17 | 16 |
| B-G Airport | 58 | 8-17 | 16 |
| Jericho | 59 | 7-21 | 18 |
| Casr | 36 | 10-18 | 16 |
| Beer Sheva | 36 | 6-17 | 17 |
| Eilat | 32 | 8-22 | 22 |

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Japanese Ambassador Shozo Kadoya spoke on "Japan's foreign policy" yesterday afternoon in the Faculty Club at the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus.

Former U.S. ambassador Sam Lewis yesterday formally opened the new Dayan Fellowship programme at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern and African Studies. He has been chosen as the first senior fellow and will write a book on the peace process in consultation with Dayan Centre researchers who have amassed a wealth of material on the subject.

Mayor Teddy Kollek will visit the David Yellin Teachers' College today and meet with the dean, Dr. Norman Schanin, members of faculty and students.

Keren Miller, 25, an immigrant from England, was last night declared the winner of the Israel Young Chef's competition. Miller, who works at the Tel Aviv Hilton, was the first woman to reach the final of the contest.

Glenford Mitchell, of the Baha'i Universal House of Justice, will speak (in English) on World Peace, at the Haifa Rotary Club, in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

HOME NEWS

Kimche during visit to Greece:

N. Korea helps Libya train terrorists

ATHENS. - Israeli Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche alleged here yesterday that Libya trains African and Palestinian terrorists and that North Korea helps with the training.

He also confirmed that the dialogue between Israel and the Soviet Union had intensified but said this did not mean they were about to resume diplomatic relations. "We know Africans are trained in subversive activities...and of the use of North Korean advisers," Kimche told reporters in answer to a question about Libya's terrorist links.

He said Israel knew of nine bases where Libya trained terrorists. The Africans included people from Niger, Mali and Senegal, who were being taught to subvert their governments.

Kimche, who was flying later to Finland, which represents the Soviet Union in Israel, said: "We are having a great deal more dialogue with the Soviet Union than a year ago...but that does not mean we are on the verge of diplomatic relations."

The Israeli-Soviet talks had taken place in various cities at ambassadorial level.

Kimche said he would be putting to Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias Israel's point of view on

Libya and President Reagan's sanctions against that country.

While stating that Israel had no criticism to make of Greece over security cooperation, Kimche spoke caustically of an announcement by Athens this month that it had agreed to cooperate with the Palestine Liberation Organization in cracking down on violence by Palestinian splinter groups.

"It's like calling in the Mafia to keep order," he said. After over three hours of what he called a "very full and frank exchange" with Papoulias and other officials, he said his host agreed to make what will be the first trip to Israel by a foreign minister of Greece, which has not extended *de jure* recognition to Israel.

Kimche said Greece had invited Israel's tourism minister to visit Athens. If he does, he will be the first Israeli minister to visit Greece for more than 20 years.

In Rome, the weekly *Panorama* said yesterday that Libya maintains 20 training camps for international terrorists.

Italian radio, meanwhile, said London Airport was also to have been hit on December 27, when terrorists struck at Rome and Vienna airports. (Reuter, AFP)

Drug perfected to aid heart attack victims

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Weizmann Institute of Science's Yeda Research and Development Company has signed a contract with pharmaceutical companies in Sweden and Japan to perfect a promising drug that dissolves blood clots and could prove a boon to heart attack and stroke victims.

The aim is to improve Weizmann-designed bio-technology for producing the clot-dissolving enzyme known as human tissue plasminogen activator (tPA), which exists naturally, but in small quantities, in the body.

American researchers have been treating heart attack victims with

tPA produced in cultures of tumour-derived cells. Weizmann scientists are producing tPA by stimulating normal human cells grown in tissue culture, and believe that avoiding genetically engineered tumour cells will hasten approval of tPA for clinical tests.

It is hoped that tPA will rapidly reduce the size of clots in blood vessels and thus limit the damage clots cause to surrounding tissue.

Some 15 to 20 companies around the world are actively involved in the race to perfect and market tPA.

With two exceptions, existing anti-coagulants prevent the formation of clots but don't dissolve ex-

isting ones. The exceptions are urokinase and streptokinase. But the former is in short supply and very expensive (since it must be extracted from huge amounts of human urine) and streptokinase, obtained cheaply from bacteria, has severe side effects.

Weizmann scientists hope their tPA will prove a cheap and safe treatment for blood clots. Other medical scientists here believe tPA could be a significant breakthrough for clotting problems.

The Weizmann team is headed by Dr. Zvi Bohak and Dr. Avinoam Kadouri; the Swedish group by Prof. L.O. Andersson; and the Japanese group by Dr. K. Higashio.

Postal authority replaces services by ministry

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

The Knesset yesterday passed into law the government bill establishing a postal authority to replace the Ministry of Communications' postal services.

The bill was presented to the previous Knesset and passed its first reading in 1983. The present Knesset, applying the continuity rule to the bill, proceeded from there.

Two committees, one in 1973, the other in 1979, concluded that turning the postal services into a statutory authority would probably improve service, increase efficiency, and improve working conditions.

But the Treasury opposed the independence that the Knesset Economic Committee had regarded as essential for the authority's functioning, committee chairman Eliahu

Speiser told the Knesset.

The second big debate in committee was over the Postal Bank, which the government bill had excluded from the scope of the new authority. The staff, the Histadrut, and the Ministry of Communications had objected to this, Speiser said.

The committee added a chapter to the bill expressing the principle that, while the Postal Bank, its management, and its policy would be independent, its workers would be employed by the Postal Authority.

Speiser said that, for the first time, the workers would have a representative on the council of a statutory authority, which will also include three representatives each of the minister of finance and the minister of communications, and four representatives of the public.

East Jerusalem power cuts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Electricity supplied to several areas in and around Jerusalem by the Jerusalem Electricity Co. was cut off yesterday from 7:40 a.m. to 4 p.m. while the company repaired a cable, a company spokesman said.

Electricity was cut off again from 5

p.m. to 7 p.m. in areas supplied by the company's generators in Shuafat, in north Jerusalem, following a failure at the Israel Electric Corp. station in Ramot, the company's manpower director said.

Since 90 per cent of the electricity sold by the Jerusalem Electricity Company is bought from the IEC, the difficulties at the IEC station in Ramot affected areas supplied by the Jerusalem company.

The same source said that from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today power will be cut in the following areas while a new cable is installed: Givat Ze'ev, Ramallah, al-Bira, Atarot, Navi Tsaf, Ofra, Beit El and Ramonim.

Yitzhak Rishin, publisher, dies at 65

Yitzhak Rishin, former director-general of the Israel Programme for Scientific Translations, Keter and Encyclopaedia Judaica, died in Jerusalem on Monday and was buried at the Givat Shaul cemetery yesterday.

Rishin was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1921 and educated there. He arrived here in 1949 to join the staff of the Hebrew University. In 1957 he became the director-general of the government-owned Israel Programme for Scientific Translations. IPST was founded by Teddy Kollek, then director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, and it provided the U.S. National Science Foundation with English translations of scientific works, primarily from Russia.

The one-room translation service in Rehavia became the Keter Publishing House in 1969. Rishin, as Keter's general manager, was the driving force behind the company's development and the publication of *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, Keter's greatest achievement.

Rishin resigned from Keter in 1978. He is survived by his wife Etie, children Mordechai, Naomi and Ya'acov, and grandchildren.

Donna Reed, at 64

BEVERLY HILLS (AP). - Donna Reed, who won an Oscar portraying a prostitute in *From Here to Eternity* but won her greatest fame as the ideal wife and mother on television's *The Donna Reed Show* died at her home yesterday from complications of cancer. She was 64.

THEME. - "Democracy in Israel" has been chosen as the theme for this year's Independence Day celebrations, the Education Ministry's symbols and ceremonies committee announced yesterday.

KNESSET BRIEFS

Jerusalem Post Staff

The health funds and the government would jointly pay the costs of vital medical treatment for which citizens must go abroad, under a proposal which Knesset Health Minister Elihu Speiser said he would submit to the Health Ministry.

Setting up a fund for this purpose was suggested yesterday by a Knesset Health Ministry representative during a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee. Health Minister

Director-General Dan Michaeli asked the Histadrut health fund to submit a proposal for the new body to the ministry.

The committee was told that Knesset Health Ministry members who must go overseas for treatment receive \$160 a day for hospitalization and half their travel costs from the fund. Maccabi members receive a similar amount; Meuhedet pays only what hospitalization would cost here; and Leumi usually does not pay anything.

The clause in the Tourism Services Law that forbids giving commissions to tour guides should be rescinded, the Economic Committee decided yesterday.

At present, committee chairman Elihu Speiser (Labour) said, businesses must pay illegal fees to tour organizers to ensure that they are included in tour routes. The fees are not taxed, and firms that refuse to pay them are driven out of business.

The Knesset yesterday passed on its first reading the amendment to the Severance Compensation Law which ensures that workers dismissed between November 1984 and March 1986 will not be penalized because of the package deals that eroded the cost-of-living increments.

The bill provides that such workers will be entitled to a supplement to their severance pay equivalent to the amount they lost because their last salary had suffered erosion.

Under another provision in the bill, workers who waived part of their wages to prevent dismissals or the shutting down of their place of work - but who were nevertheless dismissed - will receive severance pay on the basis of their full pay.

Itim raps new service

Itim, the Israel news agency that is owned by local newspaper publishers, reacted angrily yesterday to an announcement that an alternative news service, using new electronic communications systems, was being set up to transmit news from here to Jewish papers abroad.

The announcement of the new service was made during a press conference by Yisrael Peleg, director of the Government Press Office, and Uzi Narkiss, head of the World Zionist Organization's information department.

Itim last night said that Peleg and Narkiss had no authority to promise to transmit items whose copyright is held by Israeli newspapers and Itim. Narkiss and Peleg should first have negotiated with the interested parties, Itim said.

Woman's 13th child born in husband's car

Samira Tamimi of Silwan near Jerusalem, yesterday gave birth to her 13th child - a son - in her husband's Mercedes a few metres from Shaare Zedek Hospital. Tamimi, who has seven other sons and five daughters, was assisted in the birth by her mother. Last week Tamimi became a grandmother when one of her daughters gave birth to a girl.



Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi, left, meets Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo yesterday to discuss Middle East problems, including Palestinian terrorism. Craxi left for Rome after a three-hour visit. (AFP telephoto)

Australian Zionist head here in campaign over passports

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

There is growing evidence that many immigrants who have lost their Australian citizenship by becoming Israelis owe the forfeiture of their Australian passports to misinformation by Australian Embassy officials.

Australian Zionist Federation president Mark Leibler, on a visit here, has stressed the urgency of collecting as many case histories as possible to add to the evidence to be presented to government officials in Canberra.

Australia frowns on dual citizenship and does not recognize Israel's Law of Return. Thus Australians becoming Israeli nationals under this law are guilty of breaching the Australia Citizenship Act.

Leibler, who has been involved in delicate, high-level talks with the Australian authorities on proposals to change citizenship legislation, is boycotting a meeting convened in Jerusalem by the Australian Settlers' Association to clarify the citizenship status of Australians living here.

The meeting, scheduled for January 26, which is Australia Day, will be attended by Ambassador Robert Merrillees and Consul John Murphy.

Leibler emphasizes that he is neither snubbing embassy officials nor trying to escape the wrath of angry immigrants. Rather, his negotiations in Canberra are so sensitive that he does not want to risk having them compromised.

Tiberias hotel staff burn tires, block road

By HELGA DUDMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. - More than 100 unpaid workers occupying the bankrupt Tiberias Club Hotel burned tires and blocked the road to the hotel yesterday until the police intervened.

The workers then marched to downtown Tiberias carrying placards proclaiming their plight. Yesterday was the sixth day of the workers' sit-in at the hotel.

Tiberias Club Hotel was put in receivership following the collapse of the Clarin Dirot construction firm

last month. Clarin had a 46 per cent share in the hotel.

The workers have also suffered from the television technicians' strike. A TV camera crew spent a night at the hotel, but film clips about their grievances could not be screened.

"Demonstrations cannot accomplish anything," a local bank executive told *The Jerusalem Post*. "The workers, like most of the public, do not understand that they are powerless to influence the legally-defined functions of the court-appointed receiver."

Levy: Don't inflate power of Abu Nidal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SEFIMON. - Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy said here last night that "we must be careful not to turn Abu Nidal into a greater legend than he already is and thereby create with our own hands a threat against ourselves."

Levy, speaking at a question-and-answer session with local residents, said it is "slightly exaggerated to say that if we strike against some of the terrorist leaders we will solve the

problem of terror." An attack against Arafat will, of course, disrupt the situation, he said. However, there is disagreement on whether such an attack would further radicalize the Palestinians.

On Syria's placement of missile batteries near its border with Lebanon, Levy said that such moves violate tacit agreements between the two countries. "The Syrians must understand that such moves require a reaction by us."

Treasury plans to abolish tax breaks for financial assets

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury plans to abolish many of the tax exemptions enjoyed by holders of financial assets - a move equivalent to imposing taxes on these assets, reliable sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The ministry also plans to end the linkage of wages to prices. In the upcoming talks on wage agreements, it intends to insist on ending the current system of cost-of-living compensation.

The ministry is determined to table the \$21.6 billion state budget for fiscal 1986-87 in the Knesset next week. But it still faces a battle with the Defence and Education Ministries over tens of millions of dollars - and until this dispute is settled, the budget cannot be tabled.

So far neither the Treasury nor the

Defence Ministry has been willing to make concessions, and this has made necessary the intervention of Prime Minister Peres.

Treasury officials say the Defence Ministry has demanded \$32 million that the Finance Ministry deducted from the \$250m. in U.S. grants for the development of the Lavi fighter. The Treasury says it deducted the money as Value Added Tax, in line with the standard practice of the past three years.

The Treasury also wants to reduce the Defence Ministry budget by tens of millions of dollars, following a Defence-Energy Ministry accord to cut the price of fuel for the Israel Air Force by 10 per cent. The Treasury says that whenever fuel prices rose unexpectedly, the Defence Ministry always asked for, and got, compensation - and that the same logic should apply now.

Hava Ya'ari: Husband framing me

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Hava Ya'ari, being held on suspicion of involvement in the killing of an American tourist, told a judge here yesterday that her husband, television reporter Ehud Ya'ari, was trying to "frame" her and that she was being held on the basis of false information he had supplied to police.

Hava Ya'ari said that her husband had misled police and implicated her in the killing of Mala Melavsky because of an affair he is having with another woman and because he wants to gain control over the family property. She asked the magistrate's court judge to reconsider the decision to hold her until next Friday.

Hava Ya'ari said it was strange that her husband gave the informa-

tion to police only after she had sued him for maintenance.

Hava Ya'ari denied her husband's statement that on the day of the killing she had used his car and that she had changed all the tires before returning it to him. She said that she had used her own car that day.

Meanwhile another woman was arrested yesterday on suspicion of involvement in the killing and ordered held for 10 days. At the request of police, the court barred publication of the woman's name. Police said the woman is an acquaintance of Hava Ya'ari.

Melavsky's body was found last March on the beach at Tel Baruch. Police believe that Ya'ari may have run her over with her car and then dumped the body on the beach.

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ing of the compromise, the agreed document outlining the terms of reference of the arbitration process on Tabu; the timetable for the implementation of normalization agreements; and an agreement on access to Tabu for the loser in the arbitration process.

Meanwhile, according to a Reuter

IN PERSON

MK Wattad - a fighter for rights of Arabs

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

It was a little disconcerting when Mapam MK Mohammed Wattad, after bitterly lambasting Likud MK Dov Shilansky - in this interview - for having turned the Knesset Interior Committee into an "ultra-nationalist haven," strolled over to Shilansky's table in the Knesset and, smiling broadly, shook hands with him. That's politics, I suppose.

Wattad, a member of the Knesset Interior Committee, is before all else an Israeli Arab (or, perhaps, Palestinian) politician; his main concern is fighting Jewish discrimination against Arabs in the Holy Land.

He did not take part in the committee's visit to the Temple Mount on Sunday because "I knew that it would be a cover for an initiative by the Temple Mount Guardians and Teliya, who want to subvert the arrangement reached long ago [about the status of the compound] between the government and the Waqf [the Moslem Trust]."

Wattad, an MK since 1981, says that over the years he has participated in several committee visits to the Temple Mount. "We were always well received. We didn't take with us an army of photographers. Twice we visited Solomon's Stables." But the Shilansky-led visit was intentionally provocative, he says.

He says that the Knesset Interior Committee, under Shilansky's chairmanship, has "provided a roof for the most extreme Jewish-

nationalists. It has conducted too many visits to the West Bank and has shown too great an interest in the welfare of the Jewish terrorist underground prisoners."

Wattad tells me that after Shilansky's group returned to the Knesset from their aborted Temple Mount visit, the committee met to review what had happened. As Wattad was about to speak, Teliya MK Goula Cohen - who is not a member of the committee - shouted: "The Voice of Cairo is going to speak."

Why doesn't he leave the committee?

"Without me there, it would become a hornet's nest," he says.

Wattad, who comes from Jatt, near Acre, is more than forthcoming in describing what he terms "the discrimination against Israel's Arab minority, in all fields."

"In a word, Israel spends 50 times more on each Jewish citizen than on each Arab citizen," he says. The figure, he concedes, may be difficult to prove, and he qualifies it by saying that it includes investment in Jewish settlements by various "Jewish national" bodies, "such as the Joint Distribution Committee, the Alliance, and the Jewish Agency. The Arabs have no such national institutions."

Wattad points to the disparity between social services and economic development in the Arab sector and those in the Jewish sector. He says that the Yokne'am regional council has some 30 social workers while Umm al-Fahm, with a larger population, has only five. Upper Nazareth (which is primarily Jewish) has plenty of industrial plants, whereas mainly Arab Nazareth, with a population of 35,000, doesn't have a single plant with more than 10 workers. Decades ago, it had two large plants, for cigarettes and soft drinks, but these shut down. You have to be mad to build a plant in Nazareth, even with its cheap Arab labour, because if you build it in nearby Upper Nazareth, you won't have to pay any taxes for five years and you'll get other benefits from the state."

He says that another 1,200 classrooms are needed at schools in the Arab sector. School facilities, in general, are poor and primitive. In Jatt, a town of 5,000, all that's missing is a high school. "In a Jewish settlement of the same size, he says, the inhabitants would have 'several high schools.' There are only three 'proper' gymnasiums in the 137 Arab towns and villages.

Has anything changed since Peres became prime minister? "The words have changed, but nothing else," he says. The implication is that he is not hopeful that Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman's installation as director of Arab affairs will improve things.

"In everything, discrimination screams to the heavens," Wattad says.

BELT-UP. - The wearing of car seat belts for drivers and front-seat passengers is to become compulsory in Britain following a three-year experiment.

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Anti-rotation forces in Labour look to Hussein for an excuse

Taba accord may have brought elections nearer

By ROY ISACOWITZ
TEL AVIV. — The inner cabinet's approval of the Taba package on Monday morning was the ideal solution to a long and bruising political struggle. Sufficient compromises were made by both the Likud and the Labour Party — and sufficient leeway was left for interpretation — to allow ministers from both parties to sound reasonably sincere when claiming victory.

Prime Minister Peres will be able to travel to Europe next week with a significant diplomatic achievement under his belt and a persuasive argument for European support in future peace negotiations.

Vice-Premier Shamir, for his part, has the comfort of knowing that nothing he put his pen to on Monday is irrevocable. By the time the final decisions on arbitration have to be made, Shamir, and not Peres, is due to be prime minister.

But what influence the Taba agreement will have on political developments between now and the scheduled rotation of the premiership next October, and whether it has made rotation more or less likely, are still open questions.

For Shamir, approval of the pack-

age was unavoidable. After stalling for over a year, he was faced with the stark choice of signing the agreement or having the government collapse, with the rotation agreement thus nullified. He did as much as he could in having certain face-saving clauses inserted into the agreement.

Yet, in approving arbitration over Taba, Shamir cleared the political logjam which he had diligently built up since the last Knesset elections. By obdurately refusing to budge over Taba and by forcing Peres to box himself into a corner on the issue of Palestinian representation in peace talks, Shamir had effectively guaranteed stasis on the diplomatic front.

Now, all that has changed. The major obstacle on the road to Cairo has been removed, and it is common wisdom in the Prime Minister's Office that from Cairo the road runs directly to Amman. In allowing the improvement of bilateral ties with Egypt, Shamir has sanctioned the pursuit of multilateral ties in the region.

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak now has little reason or excuse not to pressure Jordan's King Hussein to enter into peace negotiations with

Israel. It is safe to assume that by late next month Hussein will finally lose all patience with PLO prevarications over recognition of Israel. At the same time, he will need to show evidence of diplomatic progress to gain Congressional approval for his requested arms package.

Barring unforeseen problems in the Israel-Egypt normalization process, and a dramatic gesture by either Syria or the PLO, it is difficult to see how Hussein will be able to avoid committing himself either for or against negotiations in March.

That, of course, will be the opportunity for which Labour's anti-rotation forces have been waiting. Hussein's agreement to enter into negotiations should provide Labour with sufficient grounds to break up the government. These could include the composition of the Palestinian delegation, the nature of the international auspices, and even settlement policy during the negotiating period.

Those in Labour who are itching for a fight with the Likud were disappointed when Taba joined the lengthening list of missed crisis opportunities. But even they acknowledge that Taba was not the ideal

issue on which to bring down a government and go the polls.

If elections are the only alternative to the present government, it would be best from Labour's point of view, if they focused on a substantive issue such as peace with Jordan. By breaking the political stalemate, Shamir has brought elections closer.

Peres does not have unlimited time. To bring down the government on the eve of rotation would be suspect in the eyes of the electorate. The thinking in the Labour Party is that Peres has only until the spring to engineer a crisis.

In politics, timing and appearances are all. It is reasonable to assume that, by April, the Egyptian ambassador will be reinstated in Tel Aviv. Peres will have completed a high-profile tour of Europe, and he and Mubarak will have held their long-overdue summit meeting.

At that point, all that will be needed is a nudge from Hussein to topple the government and scrap the rotation agreement. It is one of the ironies of the present situation that the more successful the prime minister is, the less chance his government has of surviving.

Divorce with fewer tears; and within Halacha

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. — An agreement between spouses that will financially penalize the partner who refuses to agree to a divorce is being pressed for by Na'amat during the Histadrut women's movement's annual status of women month. Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelsky told reporters this week that marriage and divorce had been selected as this year's issue because too few other bodies are ready to grapple with what has become a political hot potato in Israel.

"There are those who will say nothing can be done to change the marriage and divorce situation but we believe that even within the halacha and despite political constraints, the situation can be improved."

Na'amat will focus on a public information drive throughout the month. "There is much ignorance about the system. Many women don't know that they can turn to the civil courts for help on issues such as custody of children and maintenance payments."

"We recommend that women use the civil courts whenever possible, because they have a better chance there than in the rabbinical courts."

This recommendation and other useful information is included in a booklet, *Guide to the Perplexed Woman*, which Lubelsky recommends that both men and women read. The booklet, published in cooperation with *Na'amat Magazine* is sent free to all those taking out a year's subscription to the magazine, or may be purchased for NIS4 at any Na'amat branch or legal aid office.

The proposed agreement, which could be signed before marriage or even by couples married for decades, was originally drafted by Dr. Ariel Rosenzvi, a law lecturer at Tel Aviv University. A more detailed version was prepared by attorney Dov Yisraeli at Na'amat's request.

Na'amat is offering both agreements for consideration and suggests that other options could be worked out by individual couples in consultation with a lawyer. (During the Status of Women month, Na'amat's own lawyers will offer advice on such agreements.)

Haviva Avigai, head of Na'amat's legal aid service and status of women department, explained that there are two basic principles behind these agreements.

One aim is to separate the division of property from the divorce proper. Today, much divorce litigation drags on because one side uses the question of property as a weapon against the other. Under the proposed agreement, property could be divided before the divorce, under certain circumstances.

The second principle is that if one partner wants a divorce and the other tries to keep him or her trapped in the marriage, that stubbornness will prove costly. Thus, a man refusing to grant a divorce would be required to pay maintenance at a sum high enough to prove a deterrent. And, under the terms of the agreement, a woman who refused to accept a divorce, would forfeit maintenance.

A few rabbis have already agreed to include these agreements as part of the marriage ceremony and Avigai hopes this will become the general rule.

Whether or not the rabbis accept such agreements, they are accepted in the civil courts and can be registered with the district courts at any time after marriage. (The Na'amat agreement includes provisions relating to the surviving spouse's property rights should the marriage be dissolved by death.)

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Holocaust survivors to 'fight for rights'

An organization to "fight for the rights of Holocaust survivors" is to be established in Haifa soon.

The founding meeting is to be held on January 26. Tuvia Friedman, director of the Nazi Crimes Documentation Centre and Nahum Hoch, a survivor of Auschwitz announced yesterday.

They said that, in 1980, the German government undertook to pay the Jewish Claims Conference, in New York, another 600 million marks, as "final" compensation for survivors.

They asserted, however, that the Claims Conference had failed to pay the money "to those deserving it." They would demand that the Claims Conference provide funds to build old-age homes for survivors in Israel and to help those who have not yet received compensation.

'Prisoners of Courts' go to Supreme Court

TEL AVIV. — The Supreme court may soon rule on whether "Association of Prisoners of Rabbinical Courts" is a legitimate name for a voluntary group.

The registrar of voluntary associations refused to register the group, and the Tel Aviv District Court upheld the decision. The court said the name goes beyond fair criticism and hurts the feelings of those who have trust in the rabbinical courts.

Na'amat, on behalf of the association's chairman Daniella Valensky, is now appealing to the Supreme Court against the lower court's ruling.

The association includes men and women who have been litigating in rabbinical courts for years because their spouses will not agree to divorce.

Rumania's role in rescue of Jews

Rumania intervened to save several thousand of its Jewish citizens from the Nazis during World War II, a Rumanian lecturer told a Yad Vashem conference that ended yesterday.

The Jews involved were living outside Rumania at the time. Several hundred who were in France were even allowed to travel through Germany to their home country.

Rumania acted in the wake of pressure from the U.S. and influential Jews in Rumania, the fourth annual conference of Rumanian and Israeli historians was told.

Gesture to the North

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Kol Yisrael has been broadcasting some of its programmes for the past three days from a studio set up here as a token of solidarity with the northern border town.

Hundreds of children yesterday descended on the local Beit Edelstein Community Centre from which Avi Edgar broadcast a live performance by some of the country's leading singers.

Kahane to court again on bill-ban

Knesset Member Meir Kahane has petitioned the High Court of Justice against the Knesset president's refusal to table one of his private member's bills.

The bill deals with the prevention of settlement by non-Jews. Speaker Shlomo Hilel and his deputies ruled it was racist and therefore should not be considered by the House. Kahane denies that the bill is racist.

Justice Gavriel Bach referred the petition to a panel of three justices. (Itm)



Feigenbaum



Libchaber

American and Frenchman get Wolf Physics Prize

An American and a Frenchman working in the U.S. are to receive the 1986 Wolf Foundation Physics Prize for their pioneering work in the study of chaos.

Prof. Mitchell Jay Feigenbaum, 41, of Cornell University and Prof. Albert Libchaber, 51, of the University of Chicago, will share the \$100,000 prize and be honoured at a state ceremony in May.

Their discoveries have "spawned new fields in theoretical and experimental mathematics," the prize committee said.

The prize is awarded by the Wolf Foundation, established in 1976 to "promote science and art for the benefit of mankind," by the late Dr. Ricardo Wolf.

Wizo meeting here

The 19th World Conference of the Women's International Zionist Organization (Wizo) is to take place in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem between January 20-27, with the participation of 1,000 delegates from all over the world.

World Wizo President Raya Jaglom announced that the conference will be held under the slogan "Wizo-Children Are The Future" and will deal with the expansion of the care and education of deprived Israeli children and the intensification of Wizo's educational work throughout the world.

Receiver for shipyards

The state's official receiver, Amram Blum, was yesterday appointed temporary receiver of Israel Shipyards by Jerusalem District Court judge Shmuel Finkelstein.

The appointment was made at the request of the shipyards, following a decision last week by the Ministerial Economics Committee to put the firm in receivership.

Taxi drivers take steps to protect their lives

TEL AVIV. — An increasing number of taxi companies are installing intercoms in their cabs, enabling drivers to call for help if necessary. Drivers are also being encouraged to acquire gun licences.

The Taxi Drivers Association yesterday called on its members not to panic in the wake of the recent attacks on taxi drivers, and appealed to the government to make greater efforts to protect drivers' lives.

The Jerusalem Post learns that more and more drivers carry clubs and iron pipes.

Younger U.S. Jewish fund donors have own priority

By WALTER RUBY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — The next generation of American Jews may see no compelling reason to give Israel financial support, according to a report prepared for the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. The report, which has "serious long-term implications for the future of Jewish fund-raising, especially for Israel," was drawn up last September by Penn and Schoen, a New York consulting firm, and recently made public.

The report notes that New York Jews under 35 years of age, especially, have "significantly negative attitudes towards the UJA-Federation as an organization."

Donors, the report notes, believe the organization should give more support to Israel. But non-donors, many of them young people, want more funds spent on combating anti-Semitism and supporting poor American Jews.

The report was based on a survey of 500 UJA-Federation contributors and 500 non-contributors, matched for socio-economic background.

Two-thirds of New York area Jews who belong to synagogues have never contributed to the UJA-Federation, and have never been asked for a donation, the report states, noting that this raises serious questions about the organization's effectiveness in reaching its most natural constituency.

While 93 per cent of non-donors knew of the organization, only about one-third had ever been contacted by it and only about one in eight had been asked to contribute.

Asked how the UJA responded to the findings showing alienation by younger and non-donor Jews, the organization's New York president, Morton Korreich said, "We'll have to come up with the money for programmes to address these specific problems."



Hundreds of Bobov Hassidim gathered in Jerusalem yesterday to dedicate their community's new synagogue and yeshiva in the Genua Quarter. The dedication is part of the festivities marking the visit to Israel of the Bobover rebbe, Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam (centre foreground), who is spending the greater part of his time in Kiryat Bobov, a neighbourhood of Bat Yam. There are about 1,000 Bobover Hassidim in Israel, but they make up a large part of the ultra-Orthodox community in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, and the Bobover rebbe is often consulted by New York Mayor Ed Koch.

Herzog addresses world Jewish journalists

'Not even the Israel press is perfect'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's press has been "inhibited" in criticizing itself and "at times reacts violently" to those who do criticize it, President Chaim Herzog said yesterday.

Speaking at the International Colloquium of the Jewish Press, which opened last night at Beit Hanassi, Herzog said: "Nobody is perfect... and sensitivity to such an extreme degree... surely does not reflect credit on the profession."

Over 100 Jewish journalists from around the world and 150 Israeli newsmen and locally based foreign correspondents are attending the three-day colloquium, organized by the World Zionist Organization's information department, the Government Press Office and the World

Union of Jewish Journalists.

The president took the world press to task for "exaggerating" Israel's faults. He gave as an example the reports that 10,000 people were killed in Tyre and Sidon in the first days of the Lebanon War, when in fact there had been about 300 casualties.

He added that the Dutch, with a similar election system to Israel's, "have a Nazi in their parliament and yet nobody outside Holland is aware of this." At the same time, Meir Kahane is a household name in Holland because there are 13 full-time Dutch correspondents in Israel.

Pointing to the theme of the colloquium — the role of the Jewish press in preserving the Jewish people — Herzog noted that the press could have a "historic role."

Jewish newspapers in the Diaspora, he said, could strengthen the Jewish community and link it more closely with the rest of the Jewish world. They should also "create an

atmosphere conducive to aliyah."

Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dulzin said the press could help strengthen Israel, fight for the freedom of Soviet Jewry and maintain Jewish life wherever Jews live.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek urged the press to "put into proportion" the issues of the Mormon University on Mt. Scopus and recent events on the Temple Mount.

Norman Podhoretz, editor of *Commentary*, who was called on by information department chairman Uzi Narkiss to represent the Diaspora participants, said that the "ideological war against Israel has reached a new pitch of intensity.... The effort to delegitimize Jewish statehood is only a latent manifestation of the latest attempt to delegitimize the Jewish people." Anti-Zionism today is the anti-Semitism of yesterday, he said.

The participants eulogized two Israeli journalists who died recently, Arye Zimuki and Moshe Ron.

Thieves use truck and crane to rob Haifa bank

HAIFA (Itm). — Thieves rammed the door of a bank with a truck before dawn Monday, loaded a safe onto the vehicle with a crane, and made off with NIS 60,000, \$7,300 in cash and \$6,000 in travellers' che-

ques. There were three safes in the raided Discount Bank branch near the Checkpost Junction, but the thieves left the two that contained documents and small money.

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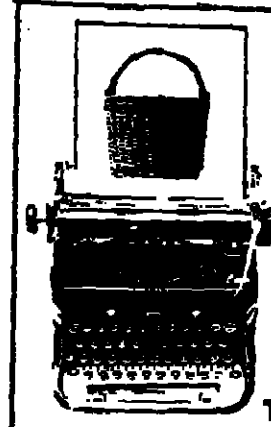
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Pentagon beefs up U.S. fleet in Med

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. aircraft carrier Saratoga and an accompanying battle group have been ordered back into the Mediterranean in a move that will soon give the U.S. two large carrier groups in the region, Pentagon sources said on Monday.

While confirming the new deployment orders, the sources continued to stress the navy had been given no orders involving a retaliatory attack on Libya, which the U.S. has accused of supporting a Palestinian terrorist group that attacked the airports in Rome and Vienna last month killing 19 people, including four terrorists.

The Saratoga and five accompanying combat ships had been deployed since November in the Indian Ocean, but are now moving northward through the Red Sea and were expected to go through the Suez Canal yesterday evening, the sources said.

Pentagon officials went to unusual lengths on Monday to avoid disclosing the location of the carrier.

Reporters began inquiring about the Saratoga following confirmation on Monday that Iranian naval officers had boarded a U.S. merchant ship in the Gulf of Oman to search for weapons that might be destined for Iraq.

In Tripoli, Libya anti-American demonstrators rallied outside the Belgian Embassy, which represents U.S. interests, but broke up peacefully after delivering a protest note to the ambassador.

Their note denounced President Reagan, who last week severed all economic ties between Libya and the U.S.

Reagan also froze Libyan assets in the U.S. and ordered about 1,500 Americans who live there to leave.

Jana, the official Libyan news agency, quoted the statement given to Belgian Ambassador Roland Burny as saying: "The U.S. administration describes the freedom-fighters as terrorists. But the real terrorists are those who oppress the peoples that fight for their freedom like the Palestinian and South African people."

Meanwhile, a Libyan bank which has a major stake in Italy's auto giant Fiat has taken over Tamol, an oil company which runs a refinery and 850 petrol stations in Italy, Tamol announced yesterday.

Company officials said the Libyan Arab Investments Bank took a controlling 70 per cent stake in Tamol. Italy is a major commercial partner of Libya. In 1985 it imported 7.76 million metric tons of Libyan Oil, or 17 per cent of its total oil needs.

Oz joins PEN attack on Shultz

NEW YORK - Writers from around the world - including Israel's Amos Oz - denounced Secretary of State George Shultz for appearing at their conference on Monday.

They declared that Shultz had no business giving the welcoming address on Sunday night to the 48th congress of the international writers group PEN.

Some participants argued that the theme of the writers' meeting, "The Writer's Imagination and the Imagination of the State," was ridiculous. Oz and others said the state had no imagination.

"The imagination of the state exists only in the imagination of some writers, such as the ones who chose this topic," Oz said.

Norman Mailer, president of the American PEN centre and chief organizer of the congress, climbed onto the podium twice to defend his congress.

At Sunday's opening session, Shultz welcomed the delegates from around the world. "Ronald Reagan and I are on your side," he said.

He was greeted by shouts from writers who did not believe he should have been invited to speak, and insisted that their own petition, signed by 66 members of the organization, should have been read.

Nadine Gordimer and fellow South African writer Breyten Breytenbach said they stayed away from the ceremony to protest the U.S. policy of "constructive engagement" with South Africa.

Dozens of writers were busy signing and passing around a petition denouncing U.S. policy towards Nicaragua.

"What chance the Sandinista government has to evolve towards democratic community is sabotaged by (the) U.S. administration's subsidy of the war of Contras," the petition said in part.

Among the signers were West German novelist Gunter Grass, U.S. playwright Arthur Miller, U.S. novelist E.L. Doctorow and Oz, who added the line "With a protest over Sandinista support of Arab terrorism" next to his signature.

The Israeli writer defended the bad manners of his colleagues towards Shultz. "If this took place in my country, our prime minister would lecture the authors and they him. Everyone would be shouting. I am in favour of bad manners."



U.S. military vehicles roll off the ship at Antwerp on Monday as part of a military exercise called "Reforger 86," which stands for Return Forces to Germany. (AFP telephoto)

UK minister under fire over Westland affair

LONDON (Reuters) - The political drama over the future of Britain's Westland Helicopter Company intensified yesterday as Trade Secretary Leon Brittan faced calls for his resignation after admitting he may have misled Parliament over the affair.

Prime Minister Thatcher meanwhile consulted close colleagues on how to handle potentially hostile questioning in the House of Commons on the government's involvement in the Westland crisis.

Shareholders of the ailing firm met in London and postponed until Friday a meeting at which they were to vote on a controversial rescue package led by the U.S. helicopter maker Sikorsky.

The Westland board needs 75 per cent of shareholders' votes to ensure the Sikorsky deal goes through. Supporters of a rival European consortium bid hope to scupper the U.S. deal.

A second opinion poll in two days showed that Thatcher had been seriously damaged by her handling of the row, which last week led to the resignation of Defence Minister Michael Heseltine, the key supporter of the European bid.

The latest survey, published by The London Standard, showed the opposition Labour Party in the lead with 38 per cent of support compared with 33 per cent for Thatcher's Conservatives.

The poll, taken when the Westland row was in full swing but before Heseltine's departure, also indicated

58 per cent of voters are dissatisfied at the way Thatcher is running Britain.

Leon Brittan told reporters yesterday he had not considered resigning after angry scenes in the House of Commons on Monday night during which he was accused of misleading Parliament earlier in the day.

The controversy surrounded Brittan's assurances that he was not aware of the existence of a letter about the Westland affair from British Aerospace (BAE), a partner in the European consortium bid, to any member of the government.

Brittan later admitted he had known of a confidential letter sent by BAE Chairman Sir Austin Pearce to Thatcher.

The pro-Labour Daily Mirror and the generally pro-government London Standard yesterday said Brittan should resign. But asked by reporters whether he had considered quitting, he said: "No, I have not."

Heseltine has accused his former cabinet colleagues of favouring Sikorsky's bid for a share in Westland, despite their claims to be acting even-handedly in the affair.

He last week accused Brittan of putting pressure on BAE to withdraw from the consortium "in the national interest."

Brittan denied the charge but acknowledged he had warned the company of growing protectionist feeling in the U.S. that could backfire on sales there of the European Airbus in which BAE is a participant.

Argentine rioters denounce 'bloodsucker Rockefeller'

BUENOS AIRES - About 5,000 people protested a visit by banker David Rockefeller, burning a U.S. flag, setting a car afire and smashing windows Monday before being dispersed by police firing tear gas and rubber bullets.

A local news agency reported at least 50 arrests were made and five people were treated at hospitals for injuries following the clashes outside the American Club in downtown Buenos Aires and along nearby streets.

The Socialist and Communist Parties and a youth wing of the Peronist Party had called for the demonstration, claiming the American banker had maintained friendly relations with the military juntas that ruled Argentina from 1976 to December

1983 when an elected government was installed.

A small group of demonstrators marched about 10 blocks to the Sheraton Hotel, where Rockefeller was reported to be staying. They smashed three windows at the entrance to the hotel before police drove them back into the street.

Rockefeller was presiding over a two-day meeting of the U.S.-based Americas Society, a private group studying strategies for growth in debt-ridden Latin America.

The clashes capped a series of protests against the former Chase Manhattan Bank director, who was called a "bloodsucker" by President Raul Alfonsin's adviser on peace and detente, Aldo Tessio. (AP, Reuters)

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Astronauts fail to photograph Halley's Comet

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) - Space Shuttle Columbia's astronauts failed yesterday to fix a photo device that could provide clear shots of Halley's Comet. Space agency officials, meanwhile, were considering ending the shuttle mission a day early.

Other equipment was working well as the crew conducted more than a dozen materials processing and medical experiments, took infra-red photos of the earth and searched for sources of ultraviolet radiation in the universe.

Soviet troops said executed for refusing to fight

ISLAMABAD - Western diplomats said 20 Soviet soldiers were executed in Afghanistan last month for refusing to fight with Afghan troops against Moslem rebels.

They said the soldiers in Kandahar apparently feared the Afghan troops would defect to the rebel side.

Western sources said more than 600 Afghan soldiers and militiamen deserted, went over to Islamic guerrillas in southern Afghanistan, and joined in attacks on their former units recently. (Reuters, AP)

'Star Wars' lasers 'could destroy cities'

LOS ANGELES (AEP) - Lasers to be developed for the Strategic Defence Initiative, President Reagan's so-called "Star Wars" project, could burn cities to the ground and bring on a nuclear winter if used offensively, scientists say.

In the report by the California research group R and D Associates, scientists say: "In a matter of hours, a laser defence system powerful enough to cope with the ballistic missile threat can also destroy the enemy's major cities by fire."

Government physicist Caroline Herzenberg wrote that offensive use of the lasers could bring on a "climatic catastrophe," with the heavy smoke from the atomic warfare blocking out the sun's rays and heat and bringing on a "nuclear winter."

Top terrorist suspect arrested in Germany

KARLSRUHE (AFP) - One of West Germany's 10 most wanted suspected terrorists, Annette Becker, member of the extreme-left Red Army Faction, was arrested yesterday in Hanover, the Federal Prosecutor's office said here.

According to a report in today's Bild Zeitung, she is suspected of involvement in the murder of aerospace industries boss Ernst Zimmermann near Munich in February 1985 and in an attack against a U.S. air base in Frankfurt in August last year in which two people were killed.

SPORTS

All eyes on Brussels

By DON GOULD
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV - Television technicians permitting, Israelis will have their eyes firmly on the transmission from Brussels this evening when Maccabi Tel Aviv seek to salvage some pride and keep their hopes alive of advancing in the European Basketball Cup as they play the Soviet champions Shaigurs Koyva.

Although mathematically they have not yet been eliminated, Maccabi have gone in unlikely manner from their promising role as title contenders to spoilers in just three easy steps.

In all three games Maccabi should have been able to bring home the victories but they failed to get by Cibona Real Madrid and Limoges and now sit uncomfortably and unaccountably at the foot of the final pool.

European basketball is not known to politicians and thus Maccabi are again forced back to the unhappy norm of playing the Soviet champions in back to back games on neutral territory.

To tonight's game in Brussels Lee Johnson will have the unenviable task of contending with the giant 2.1m Arvidas Sabonas widely hailed as the best player ever to have donned the uniform of a Soviet club.

Maccabi will be spurred on, however, by the knowledge that they are in a win or nothing situation both tonight and tomorrow in the second game.

In tonight's game in Brussels Lee Johnson will try to sustain their Kercap Cup challenge when they play Banca Roma whom they beat in the opening game in Tel Aviv 92-82. They will be encouraged by the return of Earl Williams despite his having been disciplined and fined for unruly behaviour in Yamboula last week.

But they will be without Mike Large who is out with a back injury and Lawrence Mercer who did fly to Italy yesterday with the rest of the team because of a stomach ailment. If he has recovered by this morning he may make a last minute departure.

Czech runners tops

NETANYA - Czech international runners Pavel and Klement Klines yesterday stole the limelight at the inaugural 25-km road race here, taking first and second places respectively in their first-ever attempt at any distance above 15-kms. The likeable 27-year-old identical twins, who were their country's top 5,000 and 10,000 runners before defecting to England last summer, both covered the wind-whipped Netanya course in 1 hour, 18 minutes, 10 seconds, with Pavel finishing half a stride ahead.

Following the Klines home among the 200-odd runners were their Irish international coach Gerry Stanton, 35, who clocked 1:21:46. Stanton is supervising the brothers' two months of winter training at Kibbutz Gil Yum.

First Israeli home was Beersheva dance instructor and runner Yehoshua Kagan, 33, in 1:27:48. He finished fifth.

The redoubtable Ron Seidman was the first woman to post the post, timing 1:56:01, with Varda Cohen following in 2:12:24.

The annual held by the Israel Association of Veteran Athletes, together with the Netanya Municipality. Under race manager Barry Shaw, the organization was excellent, in sharp contrast to the shambles of Jerusalem's Amazing Race a fortnight ago.

Aussie pacemen in form at last

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Australia increased their lead in the world series cup cricket table with a four-wicket win over New Zealand here yesterday.

After bowling the Kiwis out for a modest 152 with four balls left in the allotted 50 overs, Australia hit 153 for six off 45.1 over to record their second victory in a row.

They lead with five points from three matches. India have two points from two games and New Zealand one point from three.

The Aussies can thank their pace attack which, as in the game with India two days ago, was again outstanding from the outset. Don Gilbert, who was the man-of-the-match award, took five for 46 from his 18 overs and was well supported by Stuart Davis with two for 17.

The touring England "B" team drew their opening three-day match against the Sri Lanka Colts in Colombo.

SCORES: Sri Lanka Colts 247 and 102 for two declared. England "B" 112 and 96 for three.

In Pretoria, Kim Hughes' rebel Australians beat Northern Transvaal by 25 runs in their three-day match. Aussies 229 and 326-2 decl; NT 190 and 340.

Surprises galore

LONDON (AP) - First Division sides Nottingham Forest and Queens Park Rangers were humiliated by Division Two sides and tumbled out of the English F.A. soccer cup.

Forest, ninth in the top division standings, crashed 2-3 at Blackburn Rovers in a replay, while Rangers stumbled 0-1 at Carlisle who are bottom of Division Two.

On a night of upsets, two Third Division teams also dented second division opposition.

Wrexham, relegated last season, won 2-0 at Stoke while in a replay they went to extra time to beat Division Three leaders Reading 2-1.

Other results: Barnsley 2, Barnet 1; Millwall 1, Southampton 3; Sheffield United 2, Fulham 0; Sheffield Wednesday 2, West Brom 2; Aston Villa 3, Portsmouth 2.

Coming and going

NEW YORK (AP) - While Walter Davis returned, Jay Humphries has arrived. After a month of rehabilitation for cocaine and alcohol abuse, Davis scored 11 points in a relief role, and Humphries, who has struggled for most of his 1½ seasons, equalled a careerhigh with 27 points as the Phoenix Suns defeated the San Antonio Spurs 121-98 in NBA action on Monday night.

OTHER RESULTS: Nuggets 119, Bulls 115; Warriors 119, Pacers 108; Mavericks 99, personnel 89; Bulls 90, Clippers 77; Kings 115, Kings 95.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS: Defending champion Martina Navratilova scored a 6-1 6-4 victory over her opponent Pam Shriver in the final of the Washington women's tournament. ICE HOCKEY: Glenn Anderson scored two goals and set up Wayne Gretzky for the winning goal as the Edmonton Oilers defeated the Montreal Canadiens 5-3 in NHL action on Monday night. BASKETBALL: English basketballers Robert Rutherford retained their title when they defeated Solent Stars 13-62 in the Royal Albert Hall in London.

THE NIGHT they closed the Tiberias Club Hotel, events in the building first began to unfold like scenes from a mysterious and incomprehensible avant-garde film. That was when a trickle of refugees from this time-sharing resort — in real life, about a hundred guests — began dragging their baggage from the building, evicted at an hour's notice by order of the bankruptcy receiver.

Then the style switched to a brief, post-Western rock festival, when about 100 frustrated and shaken employees took over the place and swarmed to the discotheque. Much screaming of arriving cars preceded this; and the staff, who had not been paid in full for some months and whose social security payments had not been forwarded by their employer (although these had been deducted from their salaries; not unusual here among strapped employers) stomped around among the strobe lights and amplified din, a pleasure until then reserved for the guests.

Countless other related scenes were being played out, undirected and unobserved, elsewhere in the 310-room building. For when a many-million dollar investment collapses, no report can encompass the claims and counter-claims, the corporate inter-relationships and murky motivations, the rumours, the destroyed egos and the financial losses.

Many newspaper accounts, by the way, have been — well — newspaper accounts. Take the "hostage" story, according to which two directors of the company running the hotel were forcibly detained by the workers. When I asked how long this detention had lasted, I was told "about five minutes."

I had dropped in at the hotel in the afternoon, a few hours earlier, for there were rumours — as there had been ever since the bankruptcy of Clarin, the largest shareholder in the Eilat and Tiberias Club Hotels — that the place might be closing.

Still prominently on display in the lobby, as it had been for weeks, was a large sign inviting one and all to stay at the hotel. The sign, which was one that never got built. Guests at the Tiberias hotel in effect had been disconnected for days, because all but one telephone line had been disconnected. The skeleton staff had been removing light bulbs on guest rooms, although until a few nights earlier, the garish red and green outdoor night illumination had been as gaudy as ever.

(Incidentally, if the hotel closed on one telephone line, it also closed a pre-opening preparations on just one line: mine. A neighbour who is doing some work for the hotel decided to consolidate his business relationship. He took a cable and ran it over the roof, connecting my line (and his — but he had other phone) to the hotel about 60 metres away.

Bezek was for months unable to discover what had happened to my phone: the investigative work I left to this reporter. When I finally traced the culprit, the hotel management sent a messenger to return me money in compensation: nay, after all, is the measure of all things. When I suggested that this return was illegal, I was told, "it's illegal, but it's done."

These are only minor examples — of course of insignificant interest investors — of the level of management at the hotel here in Tiberias. They are revealing when viewed with countless similar examples of management-playing-act (of which this reporter has a long list) if one is interested in

trying to learn how things fell apart on the hillside above Lake Kinneret.

AS WE KNOW to our sorrow, many Israeli business stars have been imploding into Black Holes recently. The troubles of the first time-sharing hotels are a vivid example of the Israeli economic bubble, and with this added reader appeal: we have here not shoddily or obsolete textile factories, but carefree glamour and gorgeous aerobic instructors, happy families, and what was widely advertised as a non-stop celebration. (Other time-sharing enterprises have since been formed in Israel; references here are to the Eilat and Tiberias bubbles: The Eilat Club building was never completed; the Tiberias Club Hotel had been in operation for nearly a year and a half.)

It should be clear that families who invested in "holiday units" are not at all in the same position as those who lost their homes in Hadera and elsewhere as a result of the fall of Clarin: the former all have perfectly good year-round homes, though this does not mean that the investment was not in many cases a major one. However, judging from the cars parked — until recently, and mostly illegally — around the hotel, they were not a generally threadbare crowd.

Furthermore, many of the guests were also suppliers to whom the hotel owed money — butchers, tractor operators, you name it. Barter was thus a key element, which must have made book-keeping tricky. (The company's fiscal management, I have learned from authoritative sources, was "sheer chaos".)

It may be helpful to try to see the problems at three levels: the fiscal association with Clarin; the nature of the time-sharing idea; and the quality of the management at the Tiberias hotel.

At the first level, my colleagues the economic analysts have dealt, and far more expertly than I could dream of, with what is known here as "the system". What even I can understand, however, is that Clarin — the real estate firm founded some 10 years ago by the felicitously named Ma-Tov family from Argentina — was apparently operating with a number of firms simultaneously, possibly to the detriment of some.

On paper, an organization chart with dotted lines would look reasonably clear. Clarin Resort Enterprises, a subsidiary of Clarin Dirot, owns a 46 per cent interest in the Tiberias Club Hotel Corporation, formed to build and to operate a time-sharing resort here. The idea was originally the brain-child of two partners, Paul Distenfeld and Reuven Scheiner. They formed D.S. International, which owns 17 per cent of the Tiberias Club Hotel Corporation. Another 7 per cent was owned by an investor who was until recently general manager of Clarin Dirot. (The Eilat Club Hotel Company was also formed jointly by Distenfeld, Scheiner, and the Ma-Tov family.)

What is not at all clear is: Who has been doing what to whom? Of crucial importance, certainly, is the question of cross-guarantees: What guarantee arrangements had these various companies made to each other? And just as important, what precisely has been the role of the banks' guarantees, and their contracts with purchasers? And why were only a fraction of the holiday units registered in the Tabu?

One is almost tempted to conclude that all involved — and perhaps especially the banks, as the most powerful elements — would like to see the business sold as quickly as possible. It was certainly closed down with

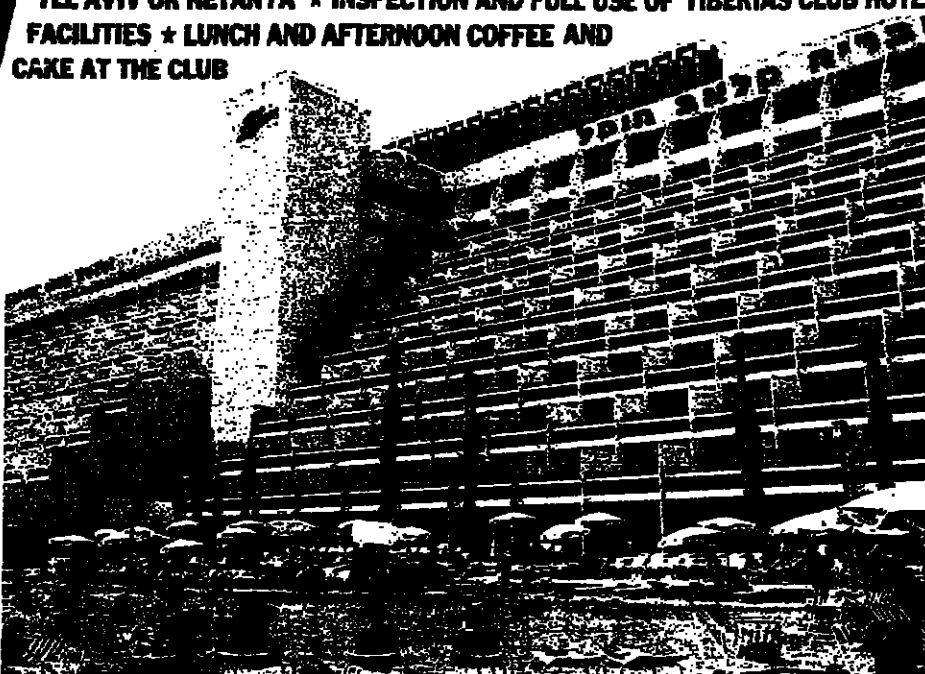
Clubbed in Tiberias

The recent closure of the Tiberias Club Hotel left residents stranded and raised many questions about its management. The Post's HELGA DUDMAN offers some of the answers.

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great haste — as, however, the court-appointed receiver representing the banks had every legal right to do.

ON TO time-sharing. As quite a few people connected with the hotel and the Tiberias Municipality know, I have been outspoken in predicting nothing but trouble for the hotel since before it opened. As conceived, this enterprise, I was and am still convinced, was a wrong idea at the wrong time in the wrong place.

In print, I attacked only the question of noise, feeling — incorrectly — that this might be a manageable item. For a year and a half, though, the management was incapable of solving the problem of keeping the discotheque windows closed and the din down, even though the neighbours' complaints were joined by pleas from deafened vacationers. Nothing doing: in a time-sharing hotel you are a captive audience. You can't just never come back, as you would in a normal hotel.

When it burst upon the world about a decade ago, the time-sharing idea surged in popularity. How wonderful! You buy units of time at some pleasure spot, and it's yours, and your grandchildren's, for all "eternity", as the ads said; though any wary reader would promptly respond that perhaps philosophers

of religion, but not real estate agents, deal in eternity.

It soon became apparent, however, that it's not such a great deal. If the owner falls ill or somehow is not able to utilize his "week" — tough luck. It's easier said than done to find a paying substitute. And if your allotted room happens to be right under the discotheque or if you happen to draw positively unspeakable neighbours — forget it. Both the disco and the neighbours are yours through all eternity.

Business Week, the American magazine, in an article on this subject more than two years ago, refer-

red to the outlook for time-sharing as "murky", with statistics being "soft at best." To be sure, many people abroad are pleased with their holiday units, but many more have been selling them. The post-time-sharing wisdom is that, if you have a couple of thousand to spare, you are better off investing the money and taking your holiday when and where you wish. As for that glittering possibility of trading your unit for a glamorous week in New Guinea — well, you can try. It somehow doesn't always work out.

It is widely known in the industry abroad, though not well known

here, where the information seepage factor takes time, that the percentage of total expenses in time-sharing enterprises allocated to marketing is a quite incredible 42 per cent. Which is almost what it is in the bluff-based cosmetics industry. And in Tiberias the marketing and PR was done with a particularly heavy hand. For every happy vacation unit owner in Tiberias (happy, that is, until disaster struck) you can find a dissatisfied and critical one.

(A time-honoured hotel-buying tradition in Israel has it that the man who builds one — especially if he does it on a big scale — often loses money; the next buyer may lose a bit less; the third purchaser tends to make good.)

Another problem is that the clientele was so non-homogeneous that it was a built-in impossibility to please them all: which raises the "Which Niche?" question. According to an early rumour (since, it would seem, dissipated) one possible overseas buyer was said to have been the giant Holiday Inn chain of America. But this astutely managed enterprise is now into "segmenting" its market — that is, it seeks to fill "niches" in the chain of demand: those who want frills and those who don't; those who want bingo for their babies (and realize that they are paying for it) and those who want peace and quiet. These very different public are attracted to different kinds of hotels at very different price ranges within the Holiday chain.

The Tiberias Club Hotel was trying to captivate a non-existent average public — while privately expressing contempt for many of its clients. It may well be that the fact that only 9,000 of the units reportedly sold, out of a total of 15,000 available (310 multiplied by 52) may be a saving factor, enhancing the building's sales value; only one wing is in the murky shade of time-sharing; the other wing is run as a normal hotel.

THE INSOLUBLE trouble came when Clarin, time-sharing, and incompetent management all converged on the Tiberias hillside. For one thing, so many elements were involved — this investor, that investor, this management company and that manager — that nobody knew who was in charge. Manager Mickey Shogol had never before managed a hotel and had never even been an assistant manager.

His previous management experience was as a food and beverage manager in Germany. I have heard from more than one guest that the most pleasant service usually came from the most lowly employees.

Clarin's tradition of building empires on sand was, I have learned, not unknown within the Argentinian community here, and it reportedly was initially tolerated in this unpleasant fashion: "Well, they took money from the goyim and brought it to Israel, so that's good."

Distenfeld and Scheiner, in press

interviews some weeks back, were maintaining a pose of injured innocence: their time-sharing idea had been a "beautiful dream" and the hotel was actually profitable. It so — how can two big-time operators not notice that something is happening to the cash flow?

The workers, who on the Saturday following the closure gathered outside the hotel to hang the managers in effigy (larger-than-life-size rag dolls representing Ma-Tov, Distenfeld and Scheiner) saw all three as crooks who somehow pocketed all those millions. "They kept telling us everything would be all right when they knew perfectly well it wouldn't," one worker told me as he tied a piece of rope around the neck of the Hugo doll. And, as might have been expected, hooligans among the workers went too far, to the extent of damaging the two managers' cars.

READERS are advised to accept any and all media accounts — including, naturally, this one — with a healthy dose of suspicion. The picture is so complex and largely inaccessible that what we read and hear may be only the tiniest tip of a huge iceberg: barely enough to cool a glass of water.

For instance: in an interview in an afternoon paper, Distenfeld and Scheiner noted that, whereas the Eilat project ran into deep trouble there with the building contractor, things in Tiberias were now, after teething problems, in fine shape.

I have never read a word about the trouble with the Tiberias contractor which meant that hundreds of unit purchasers had to be put up at Tiberias' two five-star hotels when their "times" came up during this delay, at the expense of the Club Hotel.

And here is PR at its blubbiest: during one grotesquely loud fashion show around the pool this summer, an English journalist was a guest at the hotel. Eardrums throbbing, she inquired whether this din might not disturb the neighbouring houses. "Oh no!" the PR expert was quick to explain. "They absolutely love it! Why, they come out on their balconies to enjoy the fun!" Until her replacement, this PR expert was widely acclaimed by the management, and so was the next one, until her replacement.

Finally, for the same fine symmetry which marked the opening and closing on one telephone line: the hotel opened with thefts, and closed with guards to prevent more. The first ones were made by Israeli holiday-makers, themselves no slouches at taking what is at hand, and who were in the habit of removing pots and pans and other equipment in the flatlets. Contacted by the management, they would disclaim all knowledge: "The butler did it." Finally, management awoke and required guests to sign inventory lists. But these were minor thefts: not enough to raise major questions in time.

Battle for Tito's estate

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC/Associated Press

GRADE. — After years of virulence, the widow of President Josip Broz Tito has emerged to on his successors in a dispute his estate.

vanka Broz is suing the government to get what she considers her husband's property, including his furnishings from his residence in Belgrade, the island of Brač and elsewhere.

Her claim is unprecedented, and critics appear to fear that it besmirch the image of Tito, leader of Communist Yugoslavia.

strong-willed Tito, who died in 1980, is remembered abroad as a man who took his country out of the orbit in 1948. He tolerated no opposition, and his policies and so-called life-style were above reproach during his 35 years in power.

is still venerated officially, but is increasing public sentiment

that the country's deep-seated economic crisis took root during the last few years of the Tito era and therefore he is at least indirectly to blame.

Annual inflation stood at 78 per cent in November, and the value of the dinar, the national currency, continues to shrink. The foreign debt is approximately \$20 billion and 15 per cent of the work force is unemployed in this country of 22 million.

TITO AND Jovanka Broz married in 1953, and she was a permanent fixture at his side for nearly 25 years. She unexpectedly dropped from public view in 1978, after rumors of a bitter dispute with her husband over policy matters.

She appeared at his funeral but has rarely been seen since, although she is said to bring flowers each morning to Tito's grave in Belgrade.

Her claim was made public on December 27 when Justice Minister

Borislav Krajina announced he was seeking legislation regulating property rights to the late president's estate. On his urging, the federal assembly passed a law making most of the estate public property.

Krajina said Mrs. Broz was claiming ownership of a residence near Belgrade, a vineyard on the island of Brač, cars, boats, paintings and the late president's medals. Their total value has never been revealed and is practically impossible to estimate.

In Western Europe, Tito's residence on the Adriatic island of Brioni alone would be worth millions of dollars. The island has a private zoo, Roman ruins and museums with priceless artifacts.

His private house, nestled in orange and lemon groves on nearby Vanga Island, is decorated with gifts from foreign leaders. It contains a Picasso painting, a photo lab, a machine shop and oddities such as two stuffed leopards.

Krajina said that Mrs. Broz and two sons from Tito's two previous marriages were also suing several publishers over royalties from his written works.

The biweekly Sver magazine said in a recent edition that the royalties from two of the publishing houses alone were worth the equivalent of \$150,000 but the total amount in question has not been revealed.

Krajina suggested the state has been more than fair to Tito's widow. He told the assembly, or parliament, that the government built her a residence valued at the equivalent of \$330,000 after she refused to pick one of six homes offered after Tito's death.

He said her monthly pension of 172,079 dinars (\$560), which is five times the average Yugoslav salary, and all maintenance costs of her new house are paid by the government.

ka Broz and Josip Broz Tito

(Camera Press)



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AVI TEMKIN

Salary restraint or higher inflation?

After six months of surprising quiet on the labour front, the Treasury now fears that in the coming months it may have to fight a rising tide of wage demands. With collective wage agreements due to expire in April, both the Treasury and the Histadrut are gearing for the wage restraint battle, which the finance ministry considers crucial for the future of its economic policy.

So far the Treasury and the labour federation have chosen to talk to each other through the media. The Finance Ministry has insisted that an increase of 5 per cent in gross wages of top of regular cost-of-living compensation will mean an annual inflation rate of 40 per cent in 1986, instead of 12 to 20 per cent as envisaged by the economic plan. If wages rise by 10 per cent in addition to the C-o-L increments, inflation will be back in the triple-digit range. Moreover, the ministry argues, 90 per cent of the increments in gross wages will be erased by rising inflation soon after they are granted.

Top Histadrut officials this week told "The Jerusalem Post" that no such calculations have been handed to them by the ministry. The officials said they were puzzled by the fact that less than three months before the labour accord expires, employers in the private and public sector have yet to approach the labour federation.

Apparently there is a simple reason for this. Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i is scheduled to table the state budget proposal for fiscal 1986/87 in the Knesset next week. From his point of view it is preferable to jump that hurdle first. In fact, the budget is built on the assumption that gross wages will not go up next year. Thus, when the budget is approved by the Knesset, at least in its first reading, the minister will be able to present the unions with a fait accompli.

But the Treasury has another reason for preferring a strategy of waiting. According to its calculations, by April net wages will be back at the 1985 level, and this, the Treasury hopes, will take the wind out of the Histadrut's sails.

But the ministry's trump card is wage stability itself. The public has seen in the last six months that it is willing to pay a high price for stability, and it is likely to oppose moves that threaten to wreck that achievement.

Thus, when the Histadrut's trade union head Haim Haberfeld declared this week that he would prefer a higher rate of inflation, if that meant full employment, some of his colleagues were upset. One of them told "The Post" that Haberfeld's statement was improperly reported. In fact, the trade union division head had said that he would prefer 80 per cent inflation with full employment to the present situation.

The Histadrut officials said that what should be stressed is the trade-off that exists between employment and inflation. In other words, they agreed in principle with Haberfeld, who was embarrassed by his candid observation.

Basically, the Histadrut is correct in saying that there is the problem of a trade-off. But this is exactly why the Treasury hopes it will be able to impose its policy on the labour federation. In other words, the Finance Ministry will insist that the problem as defined by Haberfeld is not only between prices and wages, but involves employment as well. Higher wages will mean lower employment.

Thus, the Treasury has proposed compensating workers for wage erosion not through increments in gross wages, but by reducing income tax. Labour costs would be kept at their present low level, while workers' take-home pay would nevertheless increase.

So far, the labour federation has rejected such a proposal, arguing that it creates more problems than it solves. First, pensions and social benefits are linked to gross wages, not to net payments. So are the employers' contributions to pension and other funds. Secondly, the Histadrut says that the Treasury has avoided adjusting income tax brackets. If it does this again in the future, the effect of all the tax reductions will be nullified.

It is, the Histadrut will have to move forward with some alternatives to the Treasury proposals. It is not enough to argue that they are unacceptable, since they will affect pensioners or National Insurance allowances.

Strike of coffee roasters threatens supplies

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — As coffee drinkers nervously eyed their dwindling stock of the stimulating bean, the coffee roasters' strike went "indefinite" yesterday, promising a serious shortage. The country consumes 20 tons of coffee daily, most of it roasted by the 60 roasting plants, who went on strike Sunday.

They started with a two-day protest against the industry ministry's refusal to allow them a 120 per cent price rise. World coffee prices have shot up by up to 150 per cent as a result of a drought in Brazil.

Michael Reiner, of the roasters' action committee

which called the strike, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that they had waited two days for the ministry to discuss their demands with them. The deputy-director, David Broder, "has not found the time" to meet the committee, he said.

While the roasters were paying importers more than double for the green beans, they were forbidden to raise their own prices under the government's price freeze in force since last July. They could no longer work at such losses, the roasters said.

As a result of the strike, retailers are beginning to run out of supplies and a shortage is expected to develop.

New systems replacing the instant cameras

CAMBRIDGE (Reuters). — Eastman Kodak said recently it will stop making instant cameras and film after losing a nearly decade-long legal battle with instant photography pioneer Polaroid Corp.

The move came after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to lift an order barring Kodak from making or selling cameras and film that infringe on patents held by Polaroid.

Polaroid claims in its suit, which was originally filed in April, 1976, that Kodak used its patented techniques and processes in manufacturing its instant camera and film.

Polaroid officials here said damages have yet to be decided in the legal fight between the camera giants. Analysts have said the damages amount to billions of dollars.

Instant photography accounts for almost all of Polaroid's \$1.3 billion in annual sales, while financial analysts estimated the instant market comprises about 3 per cent of Kodak's yearly revenues of nearly \$11b.

Kodak said it would give the 16 million owners of Kodak instant cameras three options: they can exchange their cameras for Kodak's newest disc camera and two film cartridges; they can exchange the camera for a coupon book with \$50 worth of rebates on Kodak photographic products; or they can turn their cameras in and get one share of Kodak stock.

Kodak also will accept unsold cameras and film from dealers and issue refunds to them.

Some analysts say the Federal Court injunction barring Eastman Kodak from selling instant photography products was a blessing in disguise. *Instant cameras*, once considered status symbols at family gatherings and parties, have declined since 1978, as consumers find they can get better quality and almost as much convenience far cheaper with 35mm cameras.

On the horizon, are technological advances that could slow sales of



The world's smallest TV camera (1.65 cm. in diameter, 4.5 cm. long and weighing 18 grams) is introduced by Japan's Toshiba Corp. This thumb-sized unit, small enough to be used to replace a dentist's mirror, contains a wide angle lens and an image sensor that changes optical signals to electric for TV monitoring and recording.

(AFP telephoto)

instant cameras even more. Video cameras are getting smaller, cheaper and easier to use, and several Japanese companies plan instant filmless cameras.

So Polaroid's lawsuit against Kodak seems unlikely to reverse the trend in which Polaroid's annual camera sales have dropped from a peak of 9.4m. in 1978 to 3.6m. in 1984.

Nevertheless, Polaroid is launching a new product that it promises will produce much better quality pictures than at present, thanks to a new system of optics and electronics.

The Series 7000 Camera, Polaroid's first new product since 1977, should be on the market during the first quarter of this year.

Analysts who have seen the new camera agree the film is of much higher quality, but doubt whether this alone will be enough to revive sales beyond the next two years.

"There are just too many alternatives now to instant cameras," said Eugene Glazer, a photography analyst. The most popular at the moment is the fully automated 35mm camera, the best known of which is the Japanese-made Canon SureShot.

Almost every prestige camera manufacturer has come out with a

compact model that uses 35mm film, focuses automatically, advances the film and indicates when a flash is needed.

But the most interesting new technology on the horizon is the filmless camera, which uses electronic imaging to produce instant photographs.

Hitachi, Sony, Canon and Minolta, Japan's biggest camera makers, are all preparing to launch a filmless camera, and both Kodak and Polaroid are also researching the technology.

The camera works by recording images on a tiny magnetic disk, which can be viewed immediately on a television screen or turned into photos with a printer.

The picture is created when light falls on a semiconductor chip inside the camera, with about 360,000 photocells on its surface. An image triggers an electrical signal from each cell that varies with the intensity of the light.

The quality is far from matching that of an image obtained from a standard camera, and the price is high — Hitachi's version is expected to retail at \$2,000.

But observers believe the image will improve and the price drop, making this a popular camera of the 1990s.

Israel Money Markets

14 January 1986

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PRIME BORROWING RATE: 2 1/2% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

| | LAST UPDATED | TAPAS | PAKAM 7-DAY | PAKAM 30-DAY |
|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| LEUMI | 14.1 | 12-25% | 12-25% | 12-26% |
| HAPOALIM | 9.1 | 15-25% | 20-25% | 21-26% |
| DISCOUNT | 9.1 | 15-25.5% | 15-26% | 16-27% |
| MIZRAHI | 9.1 | 12-19% | 12-24% | 12-24% |
| FIRST INT'L | 9.7 | 16-30% | 20-26% | 26-28% |

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest.
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| | 3-MONTHS | 6-MONTHS | 12-MONTHS |
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| USD | 7.825 | 7.625 | 7.725 |
| SGD | 11.875 | 11.750 | 11.625 |
| DMK | 4.125 | 4.125 | 4.250 |
| SFR | 3.375 | 3.375 | 3.500 |
| YEN | 5.250 | 5.000 | 4.875 |

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

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| GREAT BRITAIN | STERLING | 2.1431 | 2.1700 | 2.1434 |
| GERMANY | MARK | 6.006 | 6.082 | 6.011 |
| FRANCE | FRANC | 1.958 | 1.982 | 1.961 |
| HOLLAND | GULDEN | 5.333 | 5.399 | 5.338 |
| SWITZERLAND | FRANC | 7.085 | 7.174 | 7.094 |
| SWEDEN | KRONA | 1.949 | 1.973 | 1.947 |
| NORWAY | KRONE | 1.961 | 1.986 | 1.954 |
| DENMARK | KRONE | 1.644 | 1.665 | 1.637 |
| FINLAND | MARK | 2.730 | 2.764 | 2.730 |
| CANADA | DOLLAR | 1.0658 | 1.0791 | 1.0623 |
| AUSTRALIA | DOLLAR | 1.0318 | 1.0447 | 1.0237 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | RAND | 6.255 | 6.333 | 6.309 |
| INDIA | RUPEE | 2.899 | 2.935 | 2.894 |
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Satellite called Lebanon

SOMETHING called Lebanon has lodged a complaint against the State of Israel with the UN Security Council. This has to do with the IDF's activities in what this country has declared a "security zone" across its northern border. Officials in Jerusalem, it may be assumed, have lost no sleep over the possibility that the debate in the council over the Lebanese complaint might lead to a resolution condemning Israel: the U.S. has promised to veto it, if it is submitted.

But the occasion may warrant another close look at the strange entity called Lebanon, which enjoys the status of a UN member state.

Some two weeks ago the leaders of Lebanon's three main communal militias signed a Syrian-devised armistice agreement intended to finally end the 10-year civil war that had made a mockery of that once happy land's pretension to sovereign existence. The immediate purpose of the pact was to demonstrate to fellow Arabs Syria's credentials as a Lebanese peace-maker, and in the longer run to convert Lebanon from a buffer between Syria and Israel into a satellite confrontation state.

It need not, however, be assumed that, in thus pulling the wires in Beirut, President Hafez Assad has been under any illusion that he could, or even should, invest the snake pit that is Lebanon today with any measure of common and sovereign purpose.

The Druse militia's Walid Jumblatt, the Shi'ite Amal militia's Nabih Berri and that hero of the Sabra and Shatila massacres, the Christian Forces' Eli Hobeika, have for the moment a common stake in clipping President Amin Jemayel's wings. Paradoxically, this is mainly Mr. Hobeika's interest, for Mr. Jemayel, who heads the Phalange Party, is his own direct rival for leadership of the Maronite community. To that end, Mr. Hobeika is prepared to join hands, under Syrian tutelage, with his communal enemies in restructuring the Lebanese polity so as to reduce Maronite power.

On Syrian orders, it would appear, the Christian Forces were for the past few days fiercely battling the Phalange to help Mr. Assad apply pressure on Mr. Jemayel, usually his willing puppet, to endorse the political-reform provisions of the armistice agreement. It appears to have worked.

Expediency is the guiding principle in Lebanese politics. The only steady requirement, for the present, is due obedience to Syrian wishes. And since it is Syria's wish, written into the agreement, that resistance to Israeli presence in southern Lebanon should be escalated, there is reason for Israel to take it seriously.

Had Lebanon re-emerged as a truly sovereign, unified state, and taken upon itself responsibility for maintaining peace on its frontier with Israel, the entire concept of the "security zone" would have been in need of reconsideration. That might have been the case even if only the Shi'ite community in the south were to offer good enough reason to believe that it could be trusted to prevent cross-border terrorism into Israel.

But at this time Lebanon, though formally a member-state of the UN, is nothing but—at best—a coalition of warring militias internally, and a Syrian pawn in its foreign posture.

The Shilansky Crusaders

"THE VISIT was successful," said Dov Shilansky, chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee after the committee's return tour of the Temple Mount had been abruptly suspended yesterday morning.

Mr. Shilansky was right, although not necessarily in the sense he suggested, that "all the people of Israel will now see how tenuous is our hold on the Temple Mount, and how sorry is our situation there." The visit was a success because it helped demonstrate to the people how far some of their elected politicians are prepared to go—even to the brink of a worldwide religious war between Moslems and Jews—in order to scuttle the hope of peace between Israel and the Arabs, especially now that the issue of Tabat may have been removed as an obstacle.

Israel's sovereign dominion over the Temple Mount is not in any doubt, and the status of the site has remained unchanged for the past 18 years. Premier Shimon Peres assured the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem yesterday. Any argument that the Temple Mount has been converted into a "Palestinian state," and that the Temple Mount "is no longer ours," is, as the former coordinator of activities in the territories, MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, observed, sheer idiocy.

It is no wonder that it was Tehiya deputies who kept mouthing these charges, which they had started making public during and after the committee's original brief and disastrous visit there last Wednesday. Israel's far-out nationalists evidently see nothing but advantage in another war which, so they expect, will result in a further expansion of this country's frontiers.

But—it might be asked—couldn't they be at least partly right? Is it really impossible that the Temple Mount, as Geula Cohen insists, is now one huge PLO arms cache? Or that the Wakf authorities are deliberately obliterating any vestige of the Jewish past in King Solomon's Stables, as Yuval Ne'eman insists?

Speaker Shlomo Hillel himself, in giving the Moslem authorities a clean bill of health, suggested two days ago that Solomon's Stables might be worth an investigation. But who will do the investigating? Should it be the police or the Interior Committee posing as an alternative to the police, let alone individual Knesset members, and especially the four Tehiya deputies, none of them a member of the committee, who happened to be on the Temple Mount yesterday?

One of this Tehiya contingent, Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, disregarding the chief rabbi's halachic ruling, chose the occasion—his first ever visit to the Temple Mount—to recite Kaddish in, of all places, the courtyard of al-Aksa Mosque, used by Moslem worshippers when the building itself is filled to overflowing.

The provocation was deliberate. It was also, according to a member of the Higher Moslem Council, a violation of a pledge given to the Wakf by the committee. Retaliation was not slow in coming: King Solomon's Stables were, contrary to an earlier pledge, closed to the visiting committee. In the face of a police warning that their breaking down the door would result in rioting and bloodshed, a majority of the committee decided to stop their inquiry, and go back to the Knesset.

What is surprising, if not incredible, is that a minority of three, including the chairman, voted to authorize the police to break down the door.

Or perhaps it is not so surprising after all, considering how easily some extremist Knesset members mistake liberty for licence to cause mischief.

Israel's sovereignty, under which the Wakf operates on the Temple Mount, the third holiest site for Moslems, is not in doubt. What needs to be elucidated more clearly than heretofore is that the articulation of Israel's sovereignty, like the preservation of religious freedom, is the province of the government, and not of a gang of warmongering, headline-grabbing legislative firebrands.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

The separatist strategy

GABI SHEFFER

DESPITE differences in their political attitudes, Defence Minister Rabin and Prime Minister Peres now share certain views on strategy concerning the peace process. Regrettably, this strategy constitutes a major obstacle towards serious peace negotiations with Jordan and the Palestinians. To a great extent, it also ensures the existence of the strange creature known as the "national unity government." For despite Foreign Minister Shamir's basic ideological and political disagreements with the prime minister and the minister of defence, this strategic approach assures him that, without compromising any of his own principles, the rotation will occur.

Since the mid-1970s, this strategy has guided Israeli government policy vis-à-vis the Arab states and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Articulated when Rabin served as prime minister, it was originally conceived in close cooperation with former U.S. secretary of state Kissinger, and later elaborated on after the 1973 war. Basically this strategy is simplistic. Nevertheless, since the establishment of the state, it has constituted a crucial element in Israel's defence and foreign policy. In its original form, the idea was not applied to peace, but rather to war.

In any case, this approach essentially argues that since the combined Arab forces outnumber those of Israel, then, almost at all cost, Israel should avoid war on more than one front.

FOR THIS REASON, in the 1950s, Israel made substantial efforts to ward off regional alliances aimed against her. Accordingly, Ben-Gurion initiated the 1956 Sinai Campaign in part because he thought that Nasser had been successful in creating a united Arab bloc under Egyptian leadership.

This strategy also served as a crucial element in Israeli policies

throughout the 1960s. On the eve of the 1967 Six Day War there were great apprehensions that Israel might have to fight on more than one front. Therefore, Israel warned King Hussein against joining a Syrian-Egyptian war coalition. It should be recalled that, during that period, Rabin served as chief of staff. Arab leaders, cognizant of Israel's apprehensions and the Arab advantages of a united front, established such a coalition on the eve of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Consequently, Israel faced a critical situation that almost led to a defeat. It indicated Israel's total inability to keep the Arab countries from uniting. Rabin has not forgotten this lesson.

AFTER the 1973 war, Kissinger and Rabin applied a similar strategy to the peace process. The step by step, or piecemeal, approach attempted to avoid tackling fundamental problems of the conflict. This approach was exemplified by Israel's attitudes toward the separation of forces and agreements in Sinai and the Golan Heights, the interim agreement in the Sinai, and the withdrawal from Sinai and the Golan Heights.

Out of the same considerations, Israel rejected Hussein's demands to apply a similar model in the West Bank. Arab leaders understood this American-Israeli strategy and in a series of summit meetings, held after the 1973 war, they tried to establish a strategy to counter Israel's success with regard to Egypt.

Sadat's own political wisdom, through the Camp David Accords, was evidenced by his success in separately achieving Israel's complete withdrawal from the Sinai, and keeping a link to future political processes in the region.

On the other side, then prime

minister Begin also adopted the separatist strategy. He was motivated by both traditional factors, such as the understandable apprehension of once again facing a hostile coalition, and by a new factor—his desire to scudde Egypt from the rest of the Arab states. Through isolating Egypt, Israel could curb any attempts to prevent her from annexing the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan. As is well known, Begin was ready to evacuate the entire Sinai in return for the opportunity to maintain possession of the West Bank.

DURING the initial period of the national unity government, it seemed as if the new prime minister, Shimon Peres, was neglecting this traditional approach. Also, he appeared to be ready to tackle head-on some fundamental problems of the conflict and not on the basis of separatist ideology. Furthermore, Peres seemed to envision Egypt becoming more integrally involved in the peace process with Jordan and the Palestinians.

However, recent events have shown that the prime minister has retreated from these stands and mainly because of internal party and coalitional considerations. Due to his complex relations with the minister of defence, and his own apprehensions, Peres now believes that Israel should adopt a policy which can be comfortably endorsed by all components of the national unity government. But, rather than pragmatism, as the prime minister presents it, this constitutes a return to traditional, fairly "hawkish" positions.

Thus, the obstacles on the way to negotiations, as well as to the end of the national unity government, are neither the Likud policies, nor rational considerations about the best way to achieve peace. Rather, Shamir's best insurance policy is Rabin's attitudes and Peres's lack of

RELIGIOUS POLARIZATION was affecting the Jewish world even before my wife and I left Britain for Israel some 19 years ago. It has been accelerated by cross ignorance, closed minds, mutual suspicion, rising intolerance and an alarming erosion of the "middle ground" between ultra-Orthodoxy and Reform. A similar process, galvanized by the lunatic extremes of militant secularism and anti-Zionist haredi fanaticism, has spawned the boogymen on both sides who resort to the desecration of Jewish graves and mostly go unpunished for their crimes.

While such phenomena must be combated here in Israel by all the means at our disposal, the tendency to emphasize negative manifestations and to minimize or to ignore the positive aspects of Jewish life calls for public censure. Politicians, journalists and assorted pundits, far from setting an example of moderation, often fail to curb their tongues and, in stoking the fires of inter-communal resentment, are sometimes egged on by the very newsmen who should restrain them. One feels bound to observe that Israel's one television channel goes out of its way to publicize eccentric and extremist opinions, both religious and anti-religious, showing scant regard for viewers in the same religious camp to which the present writer considers he belongs.

TRY COMMON SENSE

GABRIEL SIVAN

This trend was evident throughout the year that has just ended. Abba Eban's long series of programmes on Jewish civilization had its ups and downs, but what annoyed me was not his outmoded approach to the Torah's authorship, but something overlooked by rabbinical critics—Mr. Eban's gratuitous pronunciation of the Ineffable Name. In similar disregard of Jewish values, Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein made use of a television interview to proclaim his contempt for the doctrine of reward and punishment.

Knesset Member Shulamit Aloni scored a new "low" when she equated traditional Judaism with superstition. The latest move of her Citizens Rights Party, to legitimize homosexuality, not only collides with the Mosaic code, but also flies in the face of expert medical opinion (also televised) as to the way in which the AIDS disease has been spreading in the U.S.

Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, the minister of interior, is all sweetness and moderation; but the irrational and un-Jewish twaddle of his Shas Party colleagues makes even spokes-

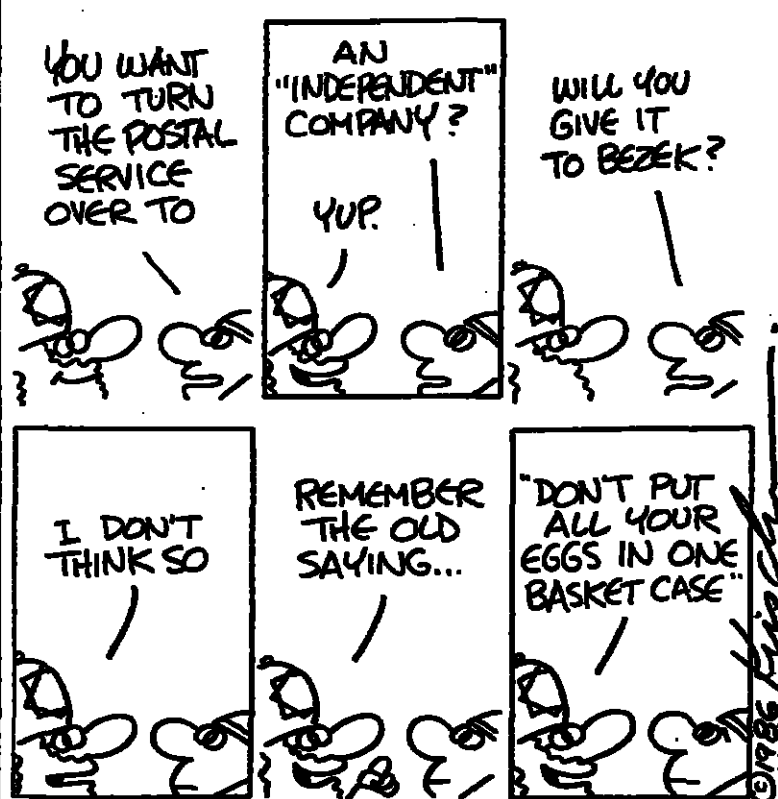
cise of religion guaranteed by our Declaration of Independence to boost the Jewish population of the Jewish State?

HAVING DISPOSED of certain national and religious issues that beset us in 1985, let me now turn to one hardy perennial which is bound to recur less than a year from today. Here in Israel we have an ongoing battle over what some people choose to call "Sylvester" celebrations. Hotels wishing to organize such festivities on December 31 are either compelled to cancel these events or, to disguise them as something else, for fear of losing their kashrut certification by the rabbinate.

After pondering this mystery for some considerable time past, I am now grateful to MK Rabbi Haim Druckman, whose explanation was reported recently in these columns (The Jerusalem Post, January 1, 1986). He stated, in the Knesset debate, that rabbinical authorities could hardly be expected to grant a certificate of kashrut to any establishment inviting Jews to attend "the celebration of a holiday named after a pope." It was, presumably, from Catholic lands of Central and Eastern Europe that Jewish immigrants of a former generation brought this notion of a "Sylvester" night, to which our rabbis have an understandable objection.

As a modern Orthodox Jew and religious Zionist who came to Israel from the Protestant West, however, I am not sure that the matter can be allowed to rest there. Many other Jews of Western background and kindred sympathies will probably agree that this annual storm in a teacup (or punch bowl) deserves a more rational and flexible approach. Halachically speaking, if the concepts of *hukkat ha-goy* (Gentile custom) and *hadash assur min ha-Tora* (forbidden innovations) are invoked, several imported forms of jollification are no less suspect than

Dry Bones



desire or will to reject these attitudes. Rabin's position concerning "warming up peace with Egypt first," his policies in the West Bank and his tough statements against the PLO and the Palestinians, all contribute to the stalemate and to Hussein's reluctance to join in the peace process. For Hussein knows very well that in separate negotiations he has not got the slightest chance to squeeze out of Israel what he considers an absolute minimum. The ball is, therefore, not only in Hussein's court, but also in the Labour leaders' court.

TO A GREAT EXTENT the peace process has been frozen as a result of another non-realistic Israeli attitude to the question of separating the various Arab elements. While it is true there is very little love among

the Arab states, they all maintain staunch commitment towards the Palestinians. Therefore, if Israel wants to start the next phase in the peace process, it is impossible to compartmentalize the treatment of the "cold peace" with Egypt and negotiations with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

At best, the view concerning our need to concentrate first on "warming the peace with Egypt," which some Labour leaders share with the Likud, is only a disguise for an unwillingness to negotiate on the West Bank. While both aspects of the conflict demand attention, one set of initiatives should not postpone the other. In fact, they should be made simultaneously.

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the end-of-year festivities, to which I shall return. At the risk of goading some zealous busybody into action, let me cite one highly relevant example.

Year by year, on the last Thursday in November, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day, which the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* defines as "a semi-religious day of giving thanks, instituted by the Pilgrim Fathers at the gathering of their first harvest in the New World (1621), and since 1863 set apart by presidential proclamation as an annual holiday throughout the United States and its possessions." Yet despite its Christian origin and associations, Thanksgiving has also been celebrated by generations of American Jews without (to the best of my knowledge) any kind of adverse reaction from the Orthodox rabbinate in the U.S.

What's more, many American olim continue this practice in Israel, where even *glatt kasher* establishments cheerfully advertise turkey dinners and provisions for staunchly observant Jews wishing to mark Thanksgiving in their secular calendar.

We have a few religious leaders here, such as Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau of Netanya and She'ar Yashuv Cohen of Haifa, who understand the complexities of modern life and are not impervious to reasoned argument. They must be aware that non-observant Israelis will patronize non-kasher hotels if the present ban is maintained. Does that serve the interests of traditional Judaism?

Hoteliers and secular Jews, newspapers and the public at large should stop talking about "Sylvester" and refer instead to the eve of the general (secular) New Year. Just a modicum of common sense is needed to settle the matter amicably, and the same precious ingredient could be applied in the solution of not a few other unnecessary disputes with which we still have to contend.

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READERS' LETTERS

MARTIN LUTHER KING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—January 15 is a national holiday in America, commemorating the birth of one of the world's greatest civil rights leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Through words and actions that gave impetus to many heroic deeds, Dr. King represented ideals and beliefs that transcended national, ethnic and religious boundaries.

The battles Dr. King and his followers waged were faced by many an opposition; even the attempt to create a holiday in his honour and memory was not originally well received.

Today, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. King, we also seek to reaffirm a bond that has existed between blacks and Jews throughout much of America's history. Indeed, the gains resulting from the civil rights movement would not exist were it not for the help of all, including important support from the Jewish people. In an effort to re-establish an essential relationship, we hope to join all sectors of humanity in the battle for peace and justice.

Dr. King's firm belief in peace, justice and equality possess an eternal value that in many ways is derived from Torah.

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AIRPORT SECURITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—The other day, the cashier at my drug store here forgot the "paid" sticker on my cough drops. As I passed through the door, an alarm was triggered and the security guard went into action.

The security at all airports today for the traveller does not compare with the protection enjoyed by a box of cough drops. Crowds are allowed to gather freely and terrorists can enter without any checks whatsoever. The "pros" should talk to the little drug store cashier: hijacking seems infinitely easier than shoplifting.

MORTON S. BAUM
Brooklyn, N.Y.

ELITIST MEDICINE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—My experience with private medicine as practised in the United States was hardly that it is "ruinously expensive" or "elitist," as Roy Isaacowitz claims in his December 27 article on the sick funds.

As a salaried worker in the U.S., I paid a fraction of what I pay to Kupat Holim Clalit (even when taking into account the part that represents my Hissadrut membership dues) for full hospitalization coverage. After paying \$100 for doctor visits and/or medication in any given year, I was

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—I find it very difficult to sympathize with those Australian Israelis who are so upset at the prospect of losing their Australian citizenship (January 1).

I came to Israel from the United States and proudly accepted Israeli citizenship. As a matter of course, I also formally and voluntarily gave up my American citizenship which seemed to me to be the only reasonable thing to do. Having given my allegiance to Israel, how could I retain my legal allegiance to another country?

With my Israeli passport, I have been able to travel wherever I wished and I carry it proudly. Why this need for dual citizenship? Is it because, should the need arise to leave Israel because the country is in danger, one can depart quickly, leaving behind those poor Israelis who only have one country?

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